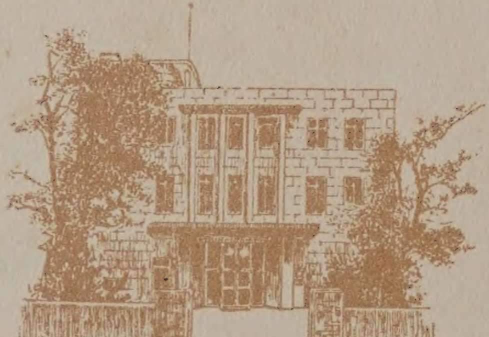
FOURTH KOREAN CRUISE

1952-1953

USS Valley Forge CVA-45



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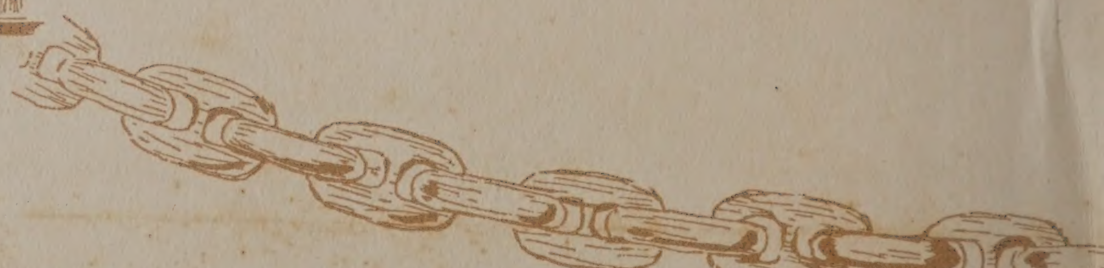
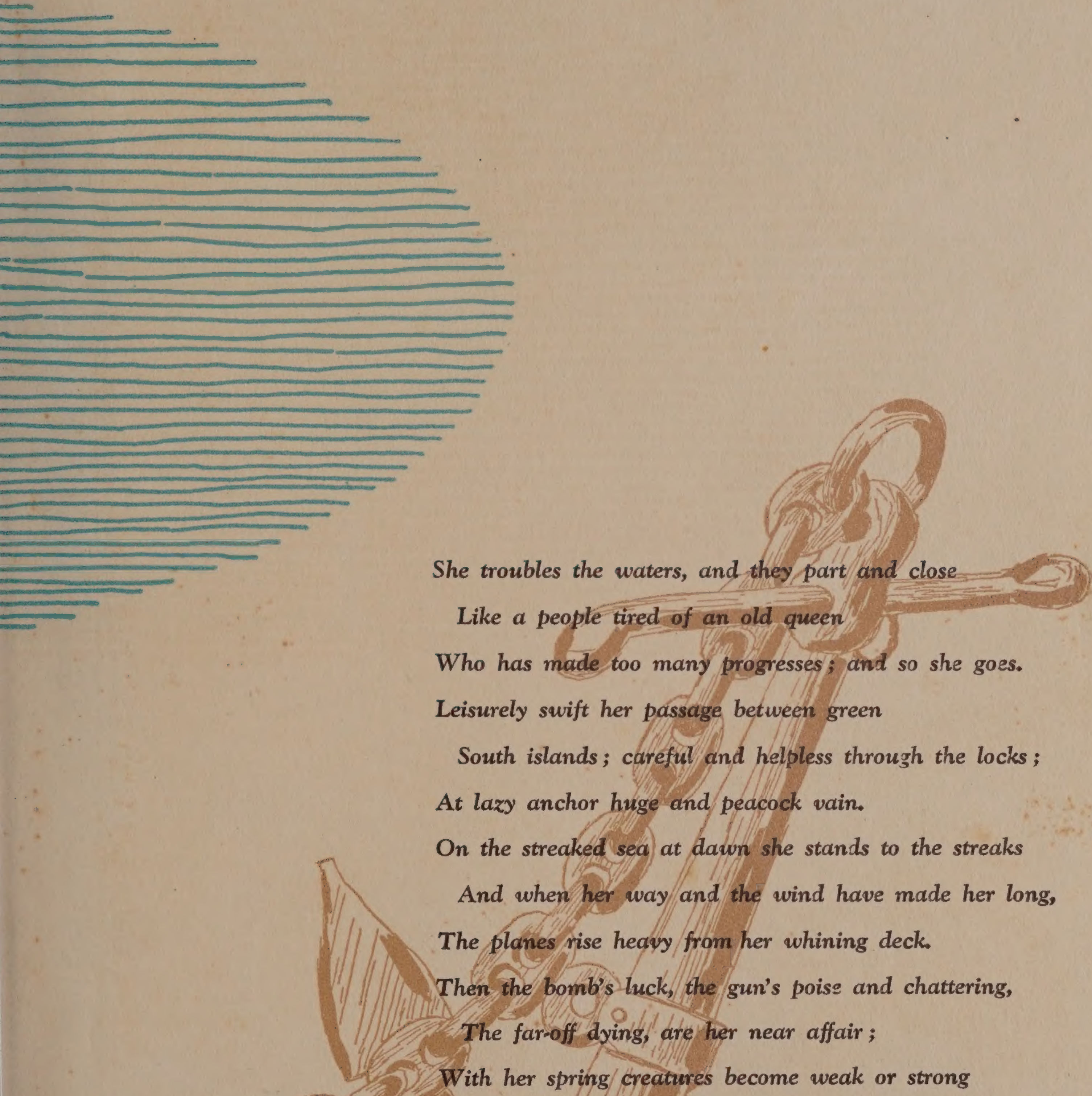
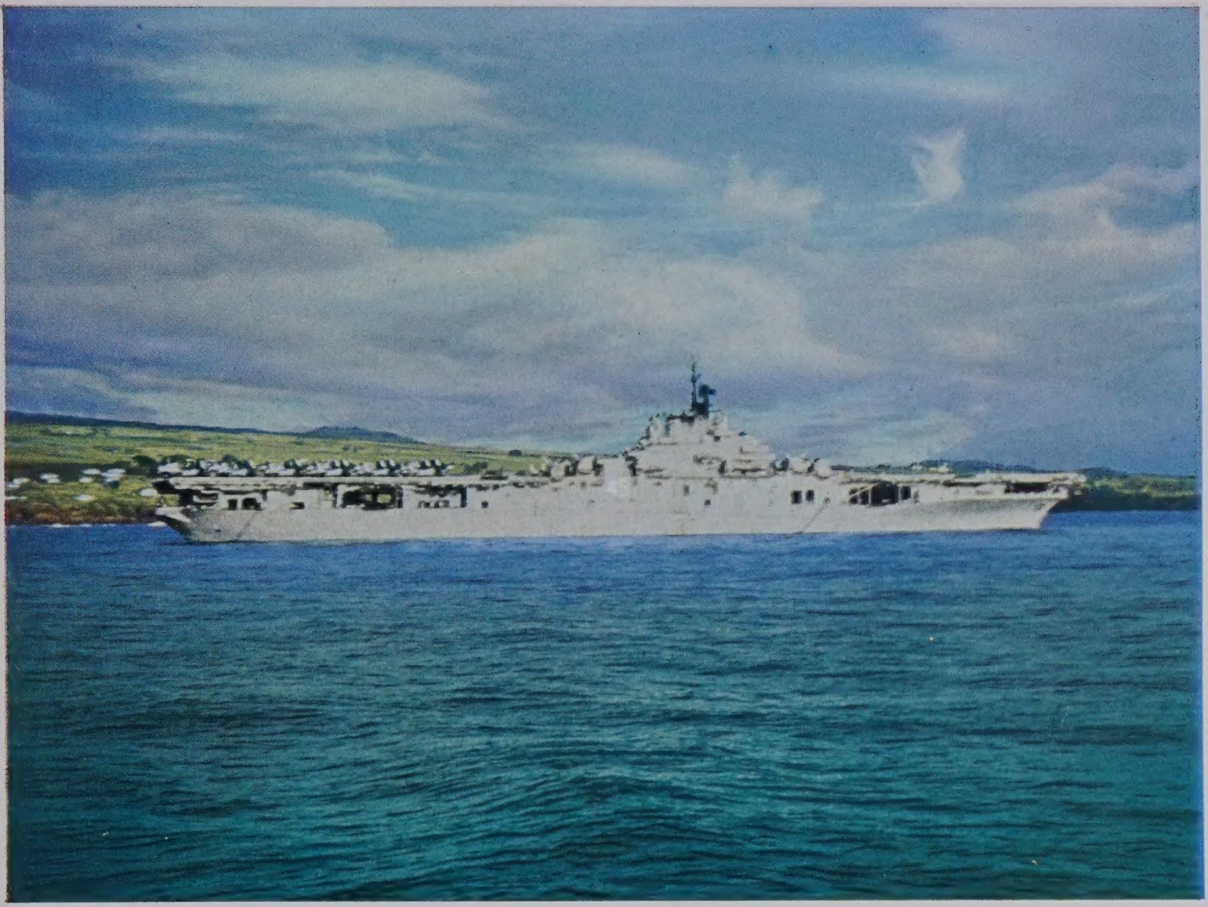




She troubles the waters, and they part and close
Like a people tired of an old queen
Who has made too many progresses; and so she goes.
Leisurely swift her passage between green
South islands; careful and helpless through the locks;
At lazy anchor huge and peacock vain.
On the streaked sea at dawn she stands to the streaks
And when her way and the wind have made her long,
The planes rise heavy from her whining deck.
Then the bomb's luck, the gun's poise and chattering,
The far-off dying, are her near affair;
With her spring creatures become weak or strong
She watches them down the sky and disappear,
Heart gone, sea-bound, committed, all to air.

—*William Meredith*
LCDR, USNR



This, the record of our 1953 cruise, will I hope, be a cherished possession of every man on the Valley Forge. It portrays us at work and during our recreation periods. It also will record in print, as best we can, that intangible spirit of the Valley Forge which has been molded from her commissioning by the men who have served on her. Such a spirit has the imprint of no one personality, but rather stems from a standard of excellence left as a heritage by those who have gone before to us, their sucessors, in the Air Group as well as in the ship.

The "Valley", in her silent career of service to our country, demands the best of every one aboard. It is a proud moment in my life to say that all of you have measured up to that goal.

That this book may, in years to come, be a source of pleasant reminiscence to you and an inspiration to those you leave behind, is my earnest hope.

R.E. Dixon

R. E. DIXON
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

IN MEMORIAM

They came, in answer to a summons, as did many others; little understanding why, save that their country needed them—average men from various walks of life: knowing not that ere long their deeds would be emblazoned in the hearts and minds of their shipmates, and that their lives, begun so unostentatiously, would attain the greatness accorded only to those who make the supreme sacrifice. They were a credit to mankind, their country, their profession, and their Creator. We cannot pay the debt we owe them; but we can dedicate our lives, as we do this book, to their memory, with a strong resolve that they shall not have died in vain.

ENS L. E. FREDERICKS, USNR, VF—51
Sacramento, California
29 October 1952

LUPE (N) PEREZ, AN, USN, V—1
Los Angeles, California
4 November 1952

LT T. R. KILCOYNE, USNR, VC—11
Chicago, Illinois
28 November 1952

LTJG H. M. DAVENPORT, JR., USN, VF—54
Red Bank, Virginia
4 March 1953

LTJG K. C. GEDNEY, USN, VF—51
Tacoma Park, Maryland
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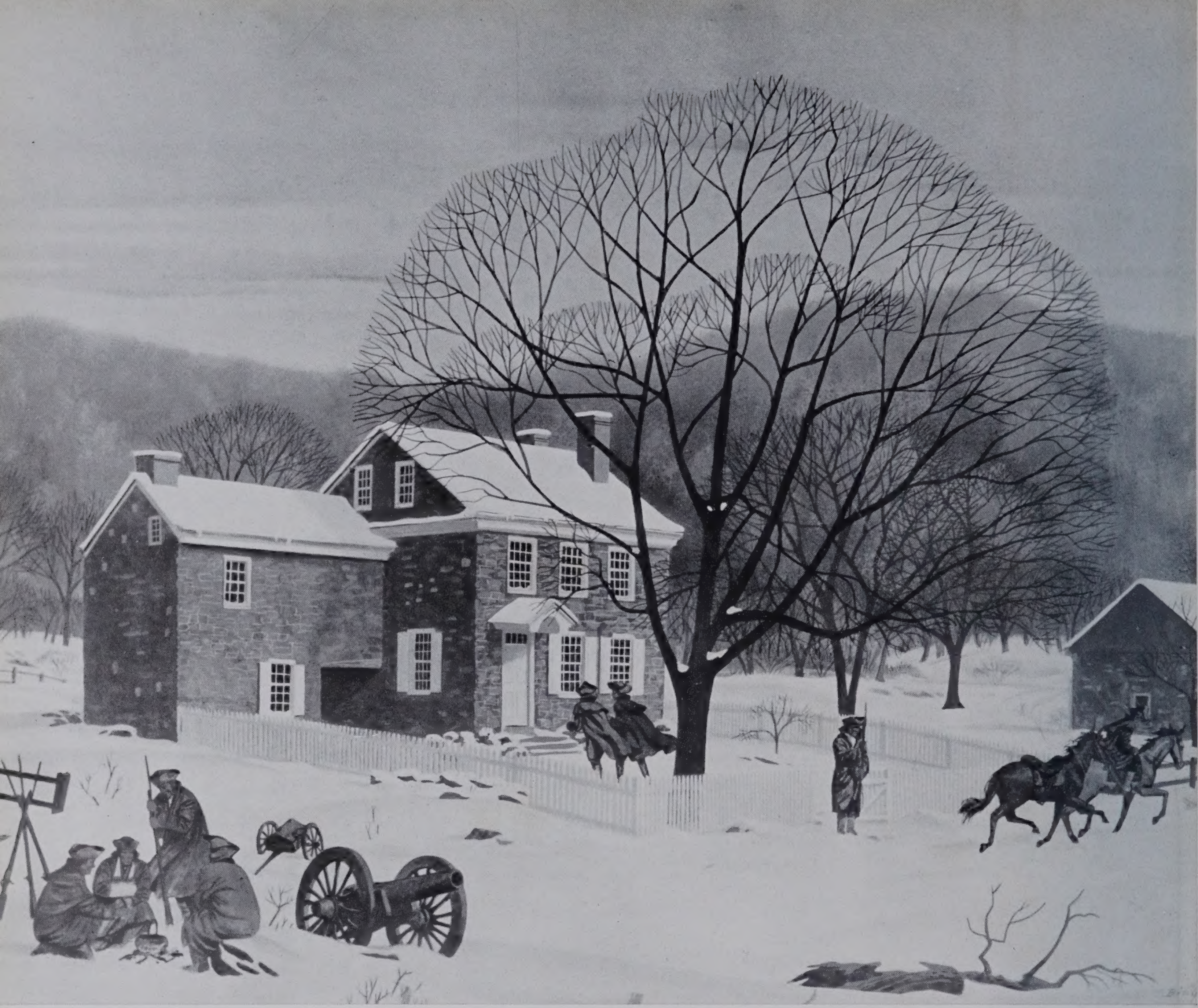
LT W. B. WOERMAN, USN, VF—92

Cincinnati, Ohio
7 April 1953



General Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

" In the beginning "......With these words is chronicled the beginning of Time. The U. S. S. Valley Forge had her beginning, too, but under more inauspicious circumstances. Hers was born of a need for fighting ships of the line long before the Atomic Bomb heralded the end of World War II. Authorized by Congress in March 1934, her keel was laid in the Philadelphia Navy Yard on 7 September 1944. The first startled gasp which marked the beginning of a long and fruitful life, as it were, as a fighting ship, was envoked by the crack of a champagne bottle wielded by Mrs. Alexander A. Vandergrift, wife of Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift, U.S.M.C., on 18 November 1945. As the Valley Forge eagerly slid down the ways, newly christened, records had already been broken, just as many more were destined to be by this leviathan of the seas.

Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, had always played an important role in shaping the destiny of the United States. Pennsylvanians had their Independence Hall, their Liberty Bell, and their Valley Forge; all by-words of American heritage. The latter, where George Washington and his Continental Army weathered the bitter winter of 1777, provided an apt source for a name for the newborn aircraft carrier. It was fitting and proper that it should be thus, for Pennsylvanians bought $76,000,000 worth of war bonds to finance and outfit her. This was the first record to fall to the Valley. She was the largest single fighting unit ever resulting from a war bond drive.

The U. S. S. Valley Forge (CVA-45) was commissioned on 3 November 1945, with Captain John W. Harris, U. S. N., assuming command. After a shake-down cruise in the Atlantic, she traversed the Panama Canal to become a part of the Pacific Fleet. Operating out of San Diego, she set out in October 1947 for a routine cruise to the Far East. While in Hong Kong she was ordered to return to San Diego via the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. In the execution of these orders three more records bowed: the Valley Forge became the first aircraft carrier to operate in the Persian Gulf, the largest ship to negotiate the Suez Canal, and the first major fleet unit to circumnavigate the world since Teddy Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet".

In October 1949 she took part in "Operation Miki", the largest amphibious exercise conducted in the Pacific subsequent to the defeat of Japan. Again, on 1 May 1950, the Valley took leave of San Diego on a peacetime cruise to the Orient. She was swinging peacefully at anchor in Hong Kong Harbor on 25 June 1950 when the powder keg that was Korea blew up.

Acting under urgent orders, the Valley Forge departed Hong Kong, pausing at Subic Bay in the Philippines for supplies, and steamed for Korea. The first offensive carrier mission of the Korean War was launched from the deck of the Valley Forge on 3 July 1950 to provide close air support to the ROK Army, thereby serving notice on the aggressor that a bitter road lay ahead. This supporting action continued throughout the First Korean Cruise. The Valley steamed into her home port on 1 December 1950. In her wake was a fine record established by Carrier Air Group Five. She also had a major supporting role in the Inchon Invasion.

Home at last! Overhaul—leave—recreation! PLOP! With a reverberation felt throughout California, the bubble burst, and the "lamp of illusion" went out. On 3 December emergency loading operations were begun in preparation for a second Korean Cruise. Carrier Air Group Two relieved CAG Five. Over 1,850 tons of supplies were loaded in three days, and on 6 December 1950, the Valley again headed for West Pac.

The rendezvous with Task Force 77 was effected on 22 December 1950, and the Second Korean Cruise officially began the next day. For four months CAG Two pounded the enemy, dropping almost 2,000 tons of bombs and flying 2,580 sorties. On 29 March 1951 the Valley Forge tossed her proud head and turned toward HOME, after almost ten consecutive months in combat.

The long awaited overhaul was conducted during the Spring and Summer of 1951 in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. Early in August the Valley returned to San Diego to prepare for her next combat cruise. The Third Korean Cruise began officially on 11 December 1951, and thus another record was set. She became the first aircraft carrier to return to Korean waters for a third time. With Air Task Group One aboard, her mission this time was something new—rail interdiction. This was designed to disrupt vital enemy supply lines, thus depriving front line troops of means of opening an offensive. For seven months this task was pursued relentlessly. On 3 July 1952, two years after launching her initial offensive against the Communists in Korea, the Valley Forge returned to the United States.

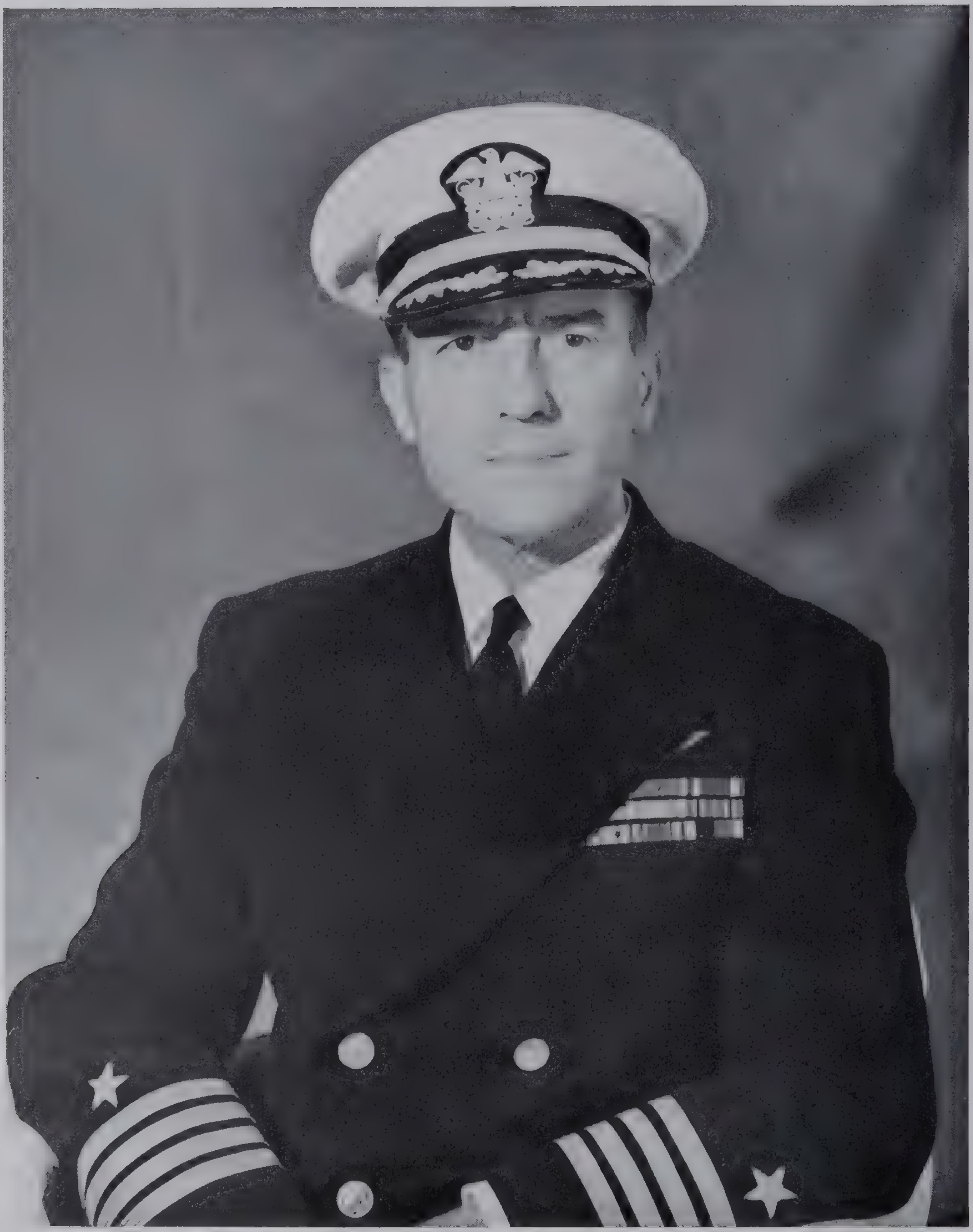
During the late Summer and early Fall of 1952 an intensive training period was introduced in preparation for yet another combat cruise. When, on 20 November 1952, with CAG Five embarked, the Valley Forge again headed for Korea, no one doubted her prowess as a fighting ship. The Fourth Korean Cruise officially opened on 2 January 1953 with CAG Five pilots again creating havoc with enemy supply lines. For five consecutive months this pace continued.

When early in June 1953 the Valley Forge again turned homeward, she left another record standing in her wake—she was the first aircraft carrier to complete four combat cruises in Korean Waters. With this behind her, she was to rest on her laurels for awhile and shake the waters of the blue Pacific off her plates, destined for duty with the Atlantic Fleet, thus granting other carriers an opportunity to come of age as fighting ships of the line.

Pennsylvanians have every right to be proud of their handiwork, for the Valley Forge is a fighting ship. To her crew she is alive, wielding over them an influence so strong that they, as she, are able to endure the hardships of war for a prolonged period without a loss of efficiency. She is a happy ship—the "Happy Valley". May her future be as illustrious as her past, and may she become as important a part of our heritage as the famous encampment from whence came her name.

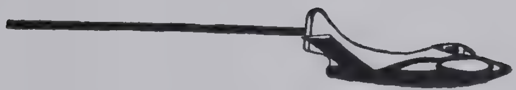
REAR ADMIRAL *Apollo Soucek, USN*
Commander Carrier Division Three

CAPTAIN Bowen F. McLeod, USN
Chief of Staff

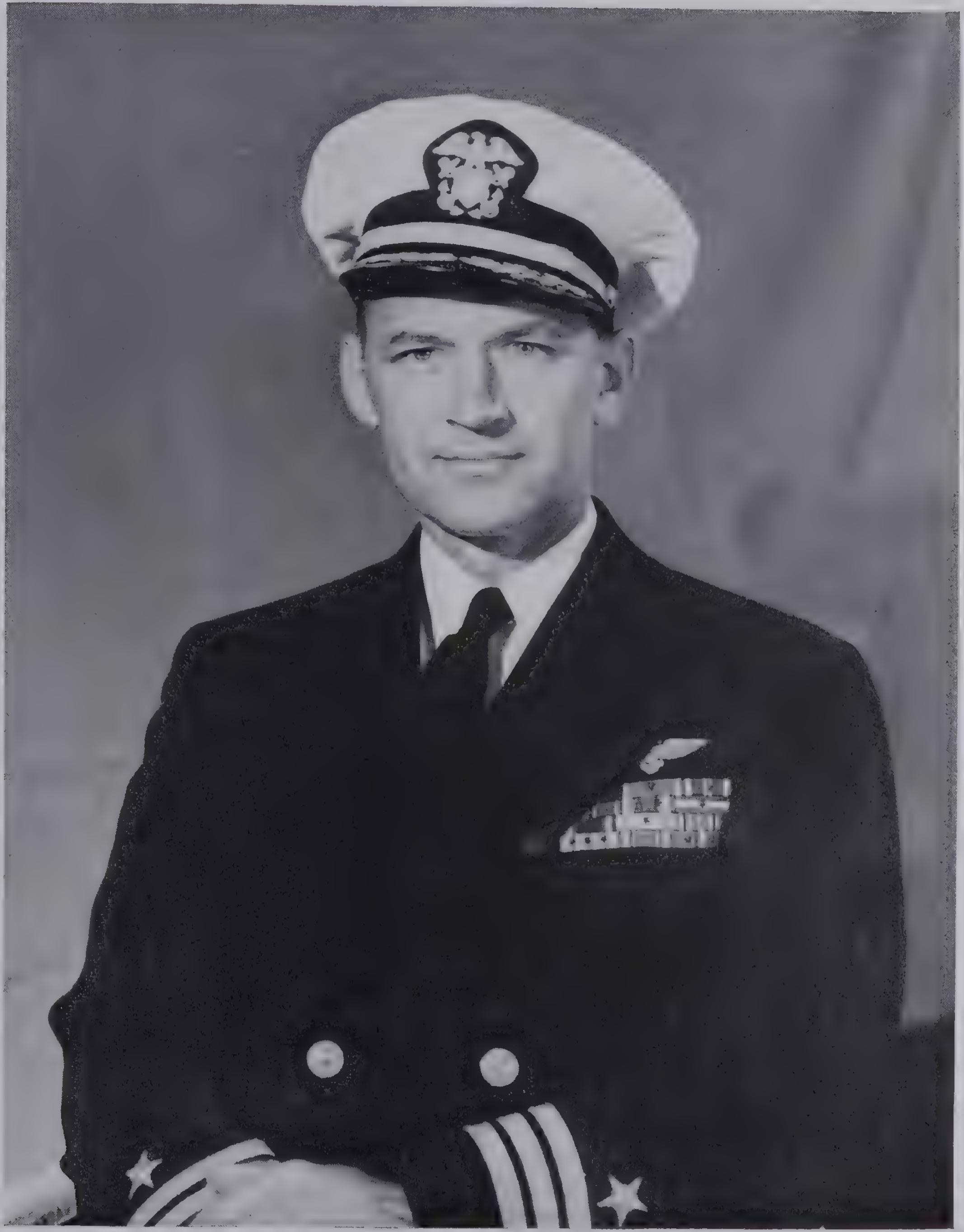


CAPTAIN *Robert E. Dixon, USN*

Commanding Officer



COMMANDER *Fred E. Bakutis, USN*
Executive Officer



Officer of the Deck

Junior Officer of the Deck

Hangar Deck

Carrier Air Group Five

CAG-5

CARRIER AIR GROUP 5

CDR C. V. JOHNSON, USN

Air Group FIVE

The Air Group is the striking arm of the carrier—its pilots carrying home to the enemy the force of Naval power.

Carrier Air Group FIVE has a proud history. First serving on the pre-WW II carrier U. S. S. YORKTOWN (CVA-5), the air group took part in the early and decisive air battles of the Coral Sea and Midway, where the " Old " Yorktown was lost as a result of action. Serving later on the "New" Yorktown (CVA-10), during the period from August, '43 to April, '44, it participated in the raids on Marcus and Wake Islands, and the island-hopping campaigns which included the Gilberts, Marshalls, raids on Truk, the Mariannas, and the taking of Palau and Hollandia. For its part in these actions, the air group was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation.

CAG-5 was based in the spring of 1945 at Ream Field, California, and later moved to NAS, North Island. Operating intermittantly with the U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (CVA-45), the intensive training paid off in readiness at the outbreak of Korean hostilities. While on a routine cruise to the Orient aboard the Valley Forge the air group was called upon to go into action, making the first offensive mission to be launched from a carrier in the Korean campaign on July 3, 1950. Carrying out daily strikes against the enemy until November 19, 1950, the air group acquitted itself with distinction.

Air Group Five's second tour of Korean combat duty was aboard the U.S.S. ESSEX (CVA-9) from June, 1951, to March, 1952; and the third tour, again on the Valley Forge, commenced in November 1952.

During this tour the present pilots of CAG-5 kept the tradition of victory set by one of the Navy's oldest air groups alive by making almost daily sorties over North Korea, disrupting transportation and communication lines, destroying enemy troop and supply concentrations, and everything else that might be of value to the Communists. They continually kept the fleet protected from attack and returned photographic intelligence information.

CAG-5 was headed by Commander C. V. Johnson, USN, WW-II combat pilot who holds a Navy Cross awarded him for action during the invasion of North Africa. Eight officers were assigned to the staff, in addition to the four LSO's. There were 650 enlisted men in the various squadrons.

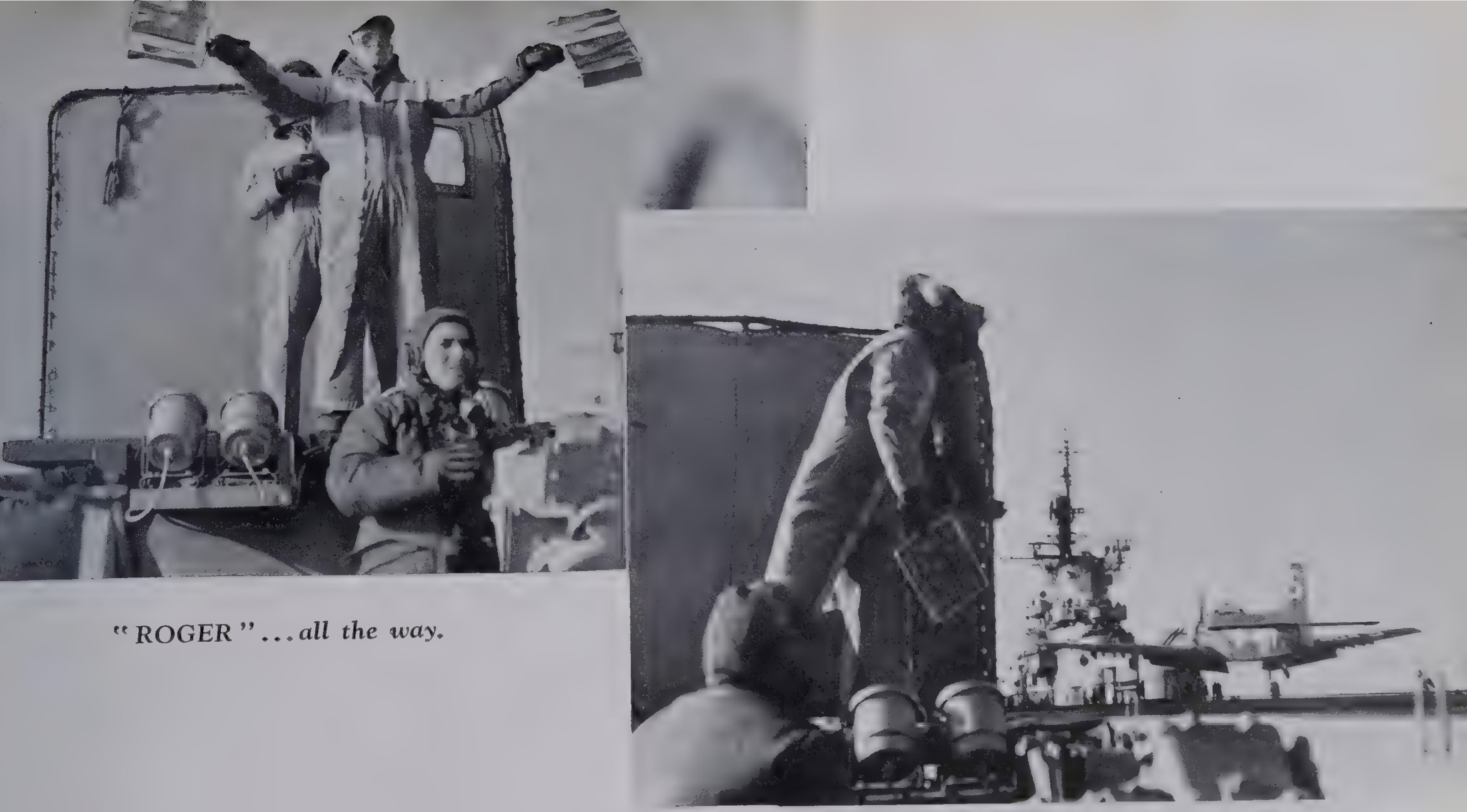
Keeping a high percentage of availability during the cruise meant long, cold hours for the enlisted men. Pulling checks at night, maintaining constant surveillance of their equipment, they contributed greatly to the success of CAG-5's pilots.

The Air Group was composed of Fighter Squadron 51, 53, 54, and their detachments, with the addition of Fighter Squadron 92, a part of the air group for this cruise.

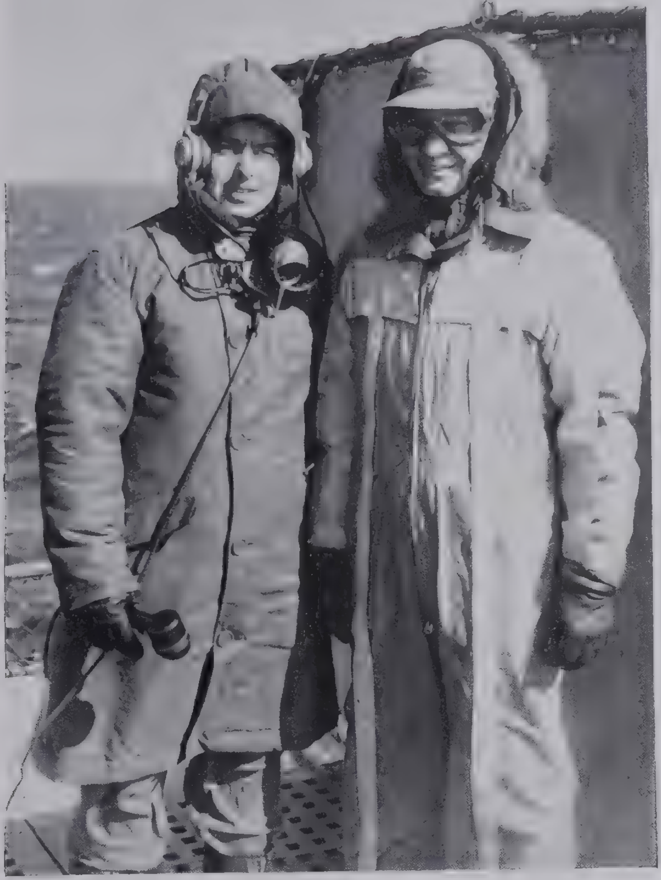
CAG–5

Front Row (l. tor .): LTJG Jacobson; LT Gerstl; LCDR McCabe; CDR Johnson; LCDR Magee; LT Hans
Second Row (l. to r.): LT Carry; LTJG Donovan; LT Adams; LTJG Melampy; CHRELE Stewart

Front Row (l. to r.): Thomsen; Marney; Glaves; Richardson; Riley; Selman; Harper; Peters
Second Row (l. to r.): McCarthy; Kirk; Gallagher; Lemond; Pearce; Walker; Ramsey



"ROGER"... *all the way.*



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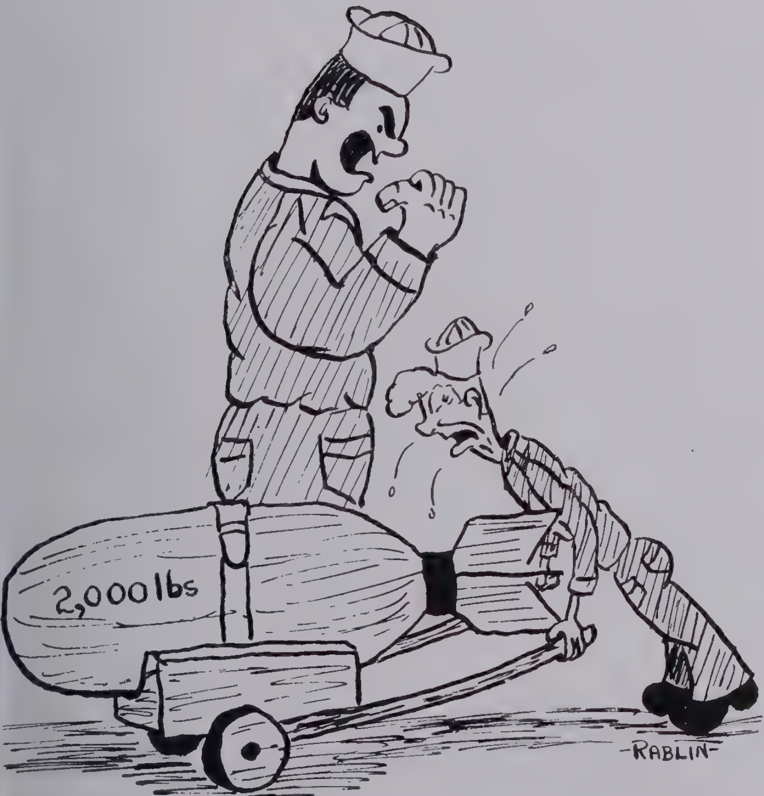
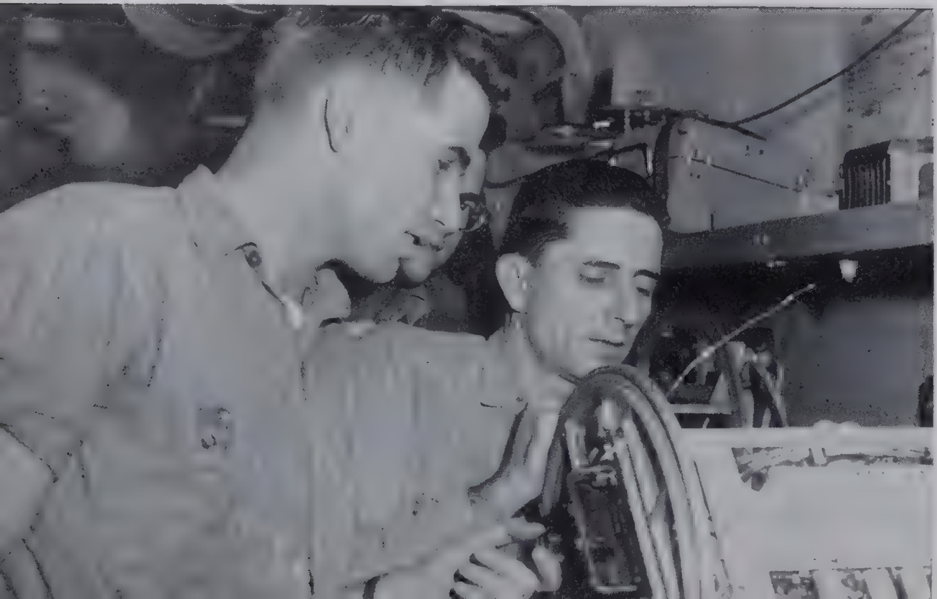

2,000 lbs
-RABLIN-

"*Come on, move it!*"

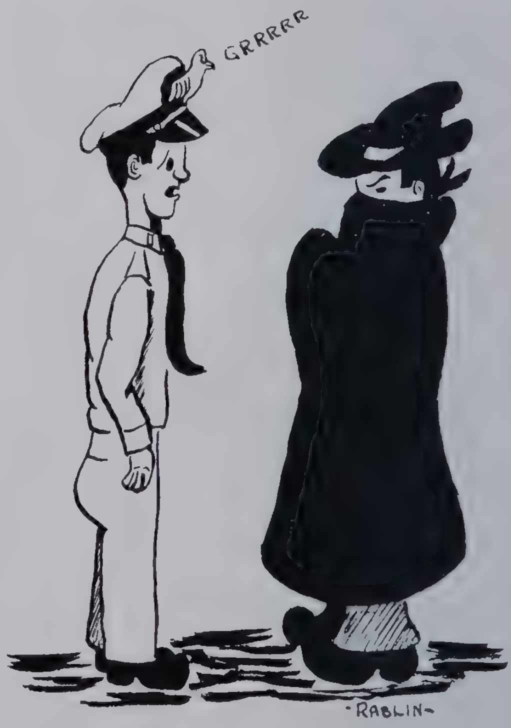
"OX carts about here..."

From: Commander Carrier Air Group FIVE



"Is the juice on?"

Mmm-mmm!


GRRRRR
RABLIN

*"But, Milton,
that's not what we mean by securi*

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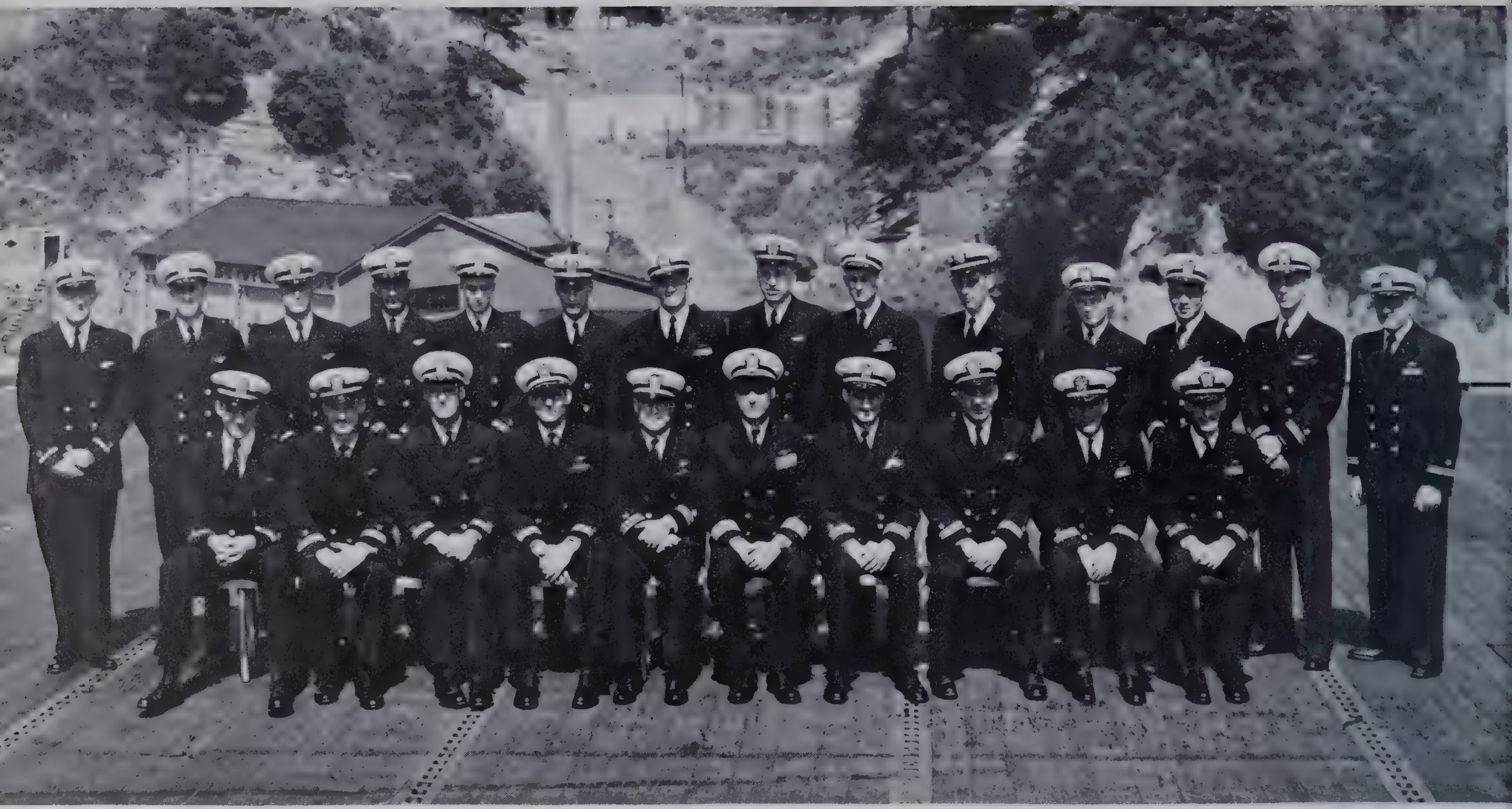
CDR G. C. DUNCAN, USN

VF—51

In November 1947, Fighting Squadron FIVE ABLE, later redesignated Fighter Squadron FIFTY-ONE, received FJ-1 "Furies" and became the Navy's first carrier-based jet squadron. After many months of extensive flight training and field-carrier landing practice, Fighter Squadron FIFTY-ONE paved the way for future Navy jet squadrons by making catapult take-offs and arrested landings aboard the U.S.S. PRINCETON (CVA-37) on 1 May 1948. Although the entire period during which the "Furies" were flown was a "souped-up" training period, the squadron achieved many firsts—mass jet aircraft cross-country movement (Seattle to San Diego in two hours and twenty-seven minutes on 8 November 1948); cold weather operations in support of "Operation Micowex-49A"; and representation of the Navy by participation in the cross-country event of the 1948 Bendix Transcontinental Air Race.

Further development of jet airplanes brought about the transition from FJ-1 "Furies" to F9F "Panthers" which, from the flight deck of the U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (CVA-45) made the Navy's first jet strike against Communist North Korea on 3 July 1950, attacking airfields at Pyongyang. The next combat cruise was made in 1951 aboard the U.S.S. ESSEX (CVA-9). On 20 November 1952, Fighting Fifty-One, led by Commander George C. Duncan, USN, embarked aboard the VALLEY for the squadron's third Korean tour. Flying the "Panthers", the squadron was assigned the primary mission of defending our own force and a secondary mission of destroying the enemy's war potential by armed reconnaissance, strikes, and photographic escort.

Fighter Squadron FIFTY-ONE is equally as proud of its combat record as it is of its pilots, maintenance and service personnel; all of whom are an integral part of one of the Navy's first jet fighter squadrons.



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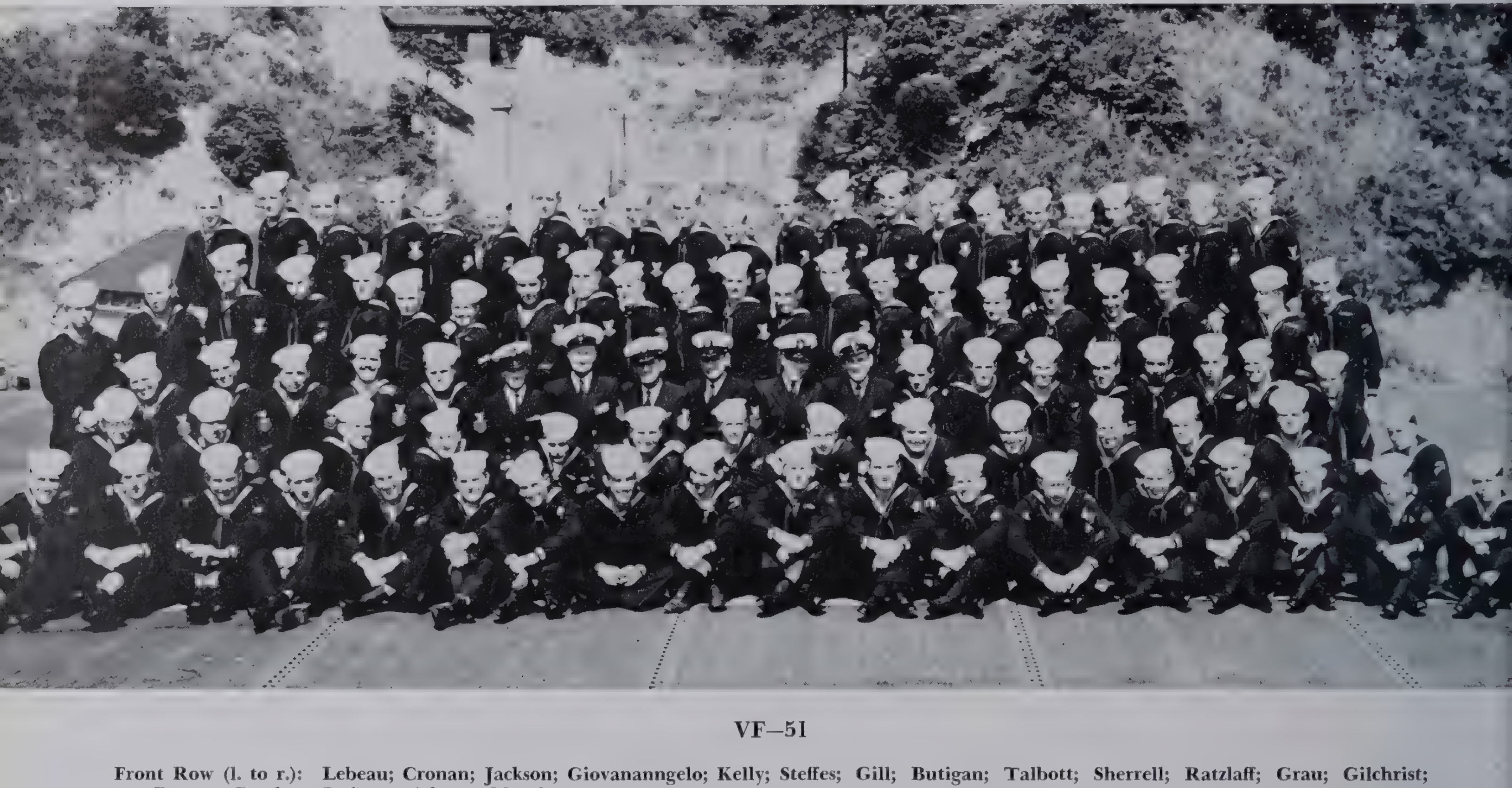
Front Row (l. to r.): LTJG McNaught; LTJG Gott; LT Moore; LT Rostine; LT Evans; CDR Duncan; LCDR Mueller; LT Toger; LT Marshall; LTJG Bowers
Second Row (l. to r.): ENS Mathews; LTJG Hayward; ENS Newburn; LTJG Hancock; LTJG Kelly; ENS Brownell; LTJG Schwan; LTJG Boles; LTJG McDaniel; ENS Martin; LTJG Myer; LTJG Russell; LTJG Stapp; LTJG Kromer



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Front Row (l. to r.): Lebeau; Cronan; Jackson; Giovananngelo; Kelly; Steffes; Gill; Butigan; Talbott; Sherrell; Ratzlaff; Grau; Gilchrist; Rueter; Dunlap; Jackson; Adams; Murrhee
Second Row (l. to r.): Calloway; Harrison; Lounsbury; Zech; Bennett; Shepherd; Goff; Wilson; Turpin; Blackburn; Barrage; Easley; Frainey; Clekeley
Third Row (l. to r.): Burnett; Nix; Muhonen; Hall; Williams; Morris; ADC; Driscoll, AMC; Yost, ADC; Waldron, AMC; Marlow, ATC; White, AOC; Cunningham; Garrett; Cantrell; Achoen; Rosales; Shrodes; Tubbs; Gray
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Weimer; Bobek; Pfeister; Hitzeman; Fletcher; Dittberner; Hanner; Woodside; Schroedl; Baughman; Belanger; Orr; Lewis; McKinney; Czech; Terry; Wyatt; Duncan; Cain; Wicks; Patrick; Rockwell
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Bridges; Mackey; Gallaway; Lanphere; Blackwood; Nation; King; Kranjcevich; Scheuneman; Force; Swanson; Dull; Shelton; Colburn; Ramlo; Vavra; Newton; Huey; Haberman; Earnhardt; Murphy

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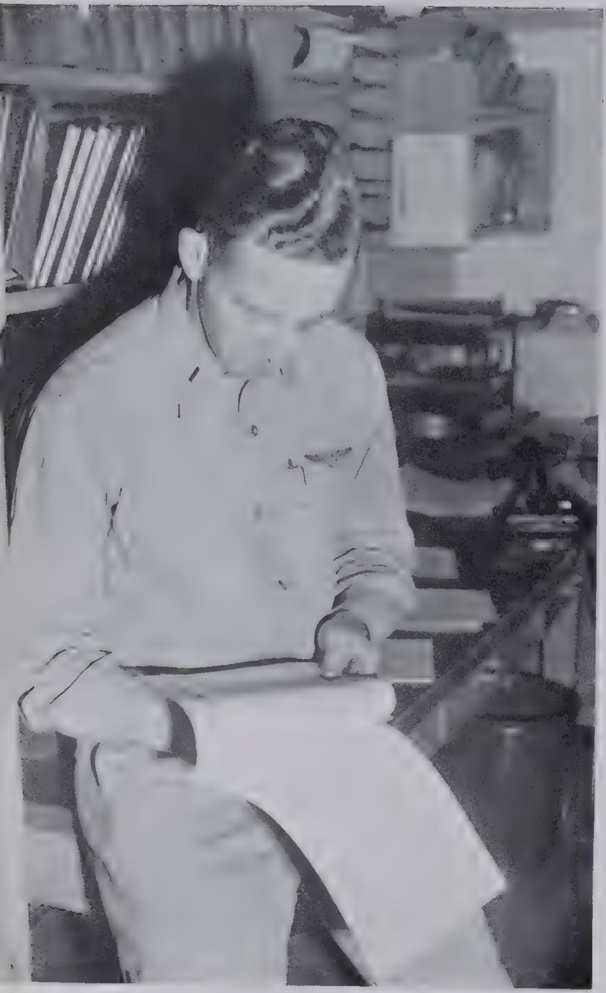
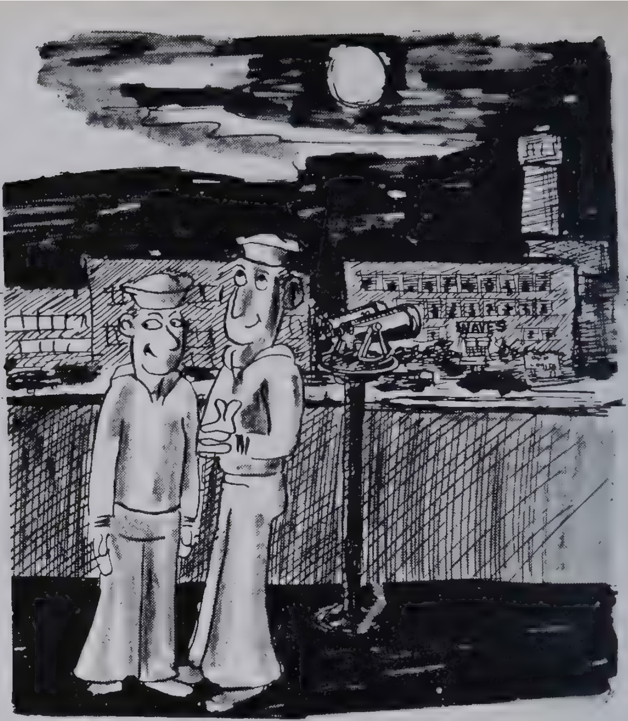
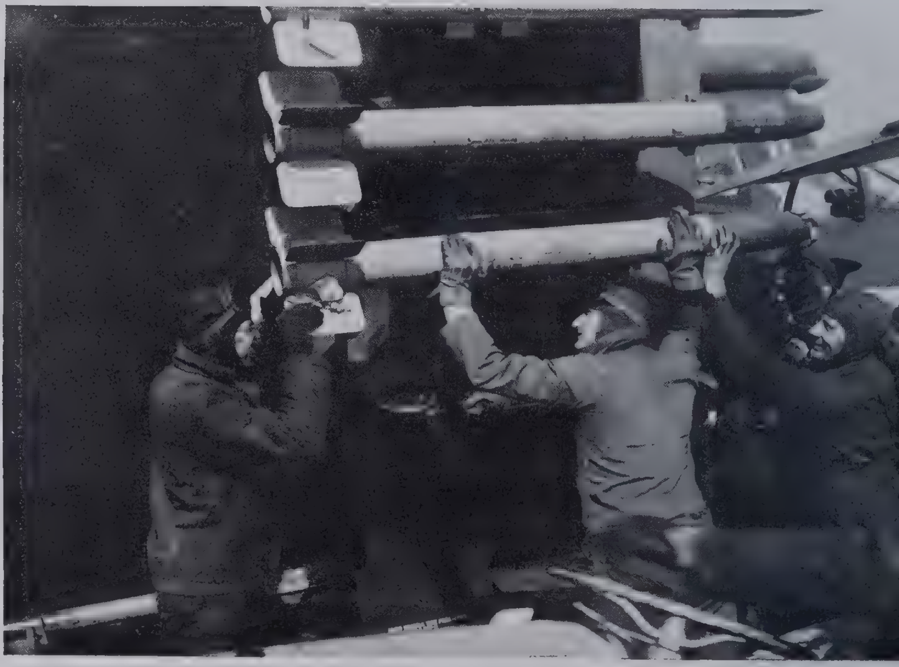


..re your shore duty request, NEGATIVE!

"Get me a hammer!"





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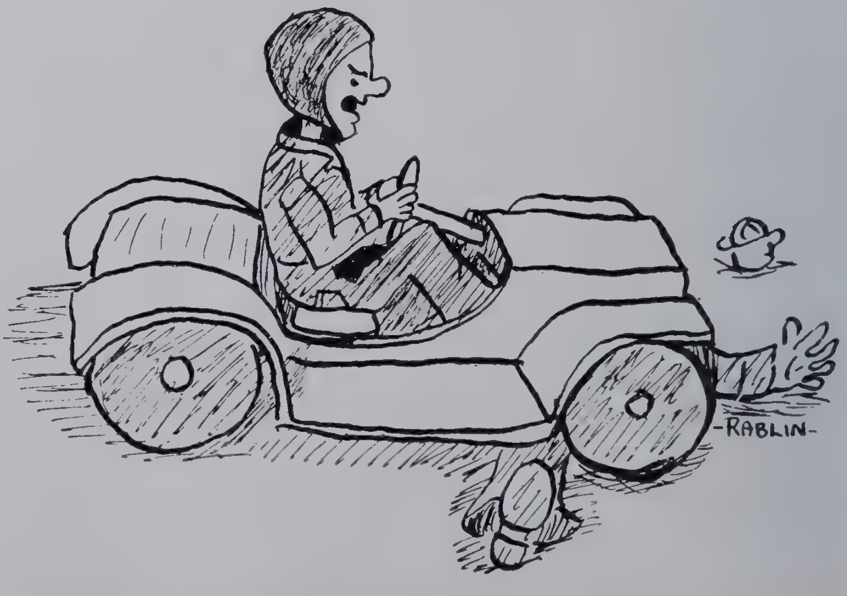


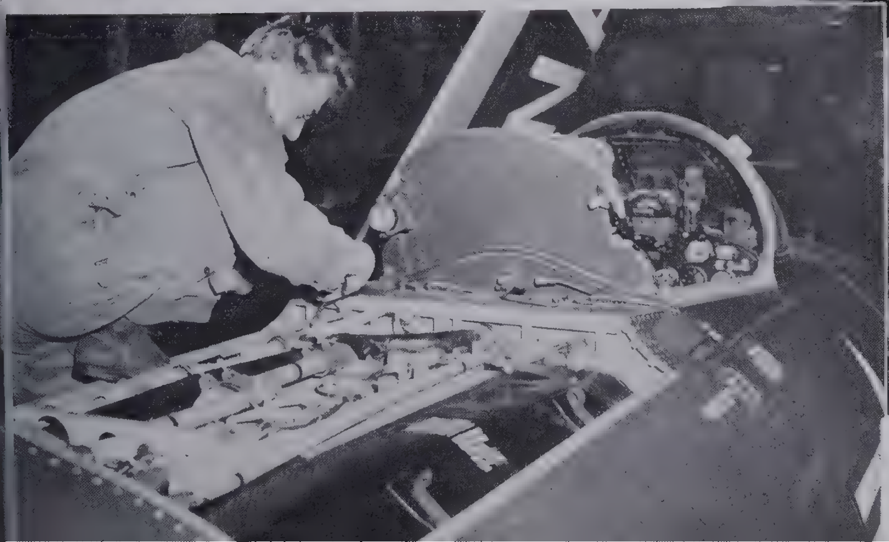
Hey! Get out of the way!

"Let me try."

"See how it's done?"

"Maybe it doesn't go there."

"Just about ready."

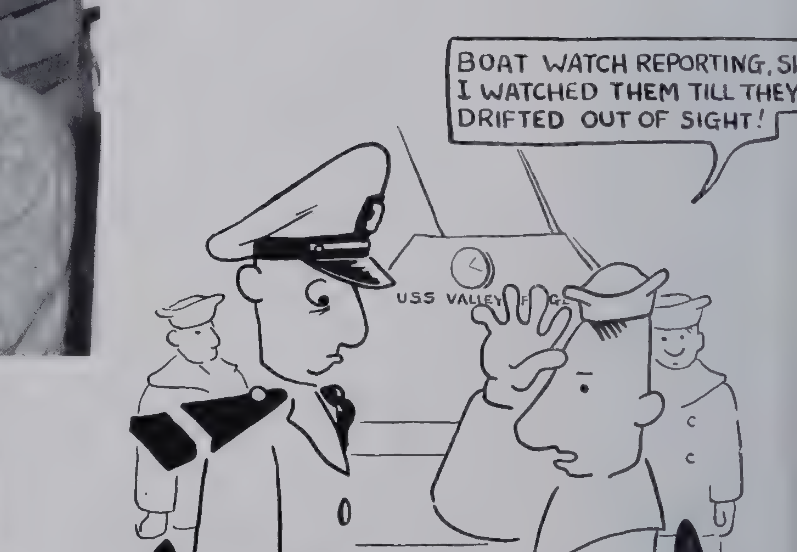


"O. K., Chief?"

"Hope it fits"

"Try under the P's."

"... and one dozen hibachi pots???"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I WATCHED THEM TILL THEY
DRIFTED OUT OF SIGHT!
USS VALLEY F GE
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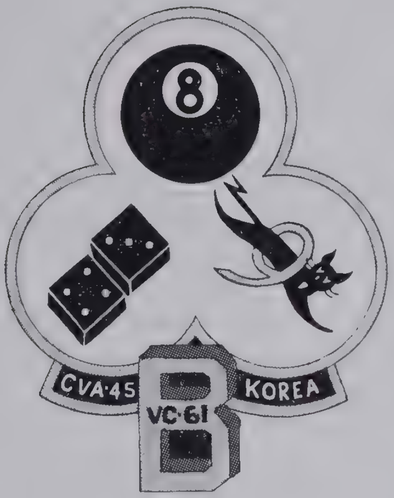
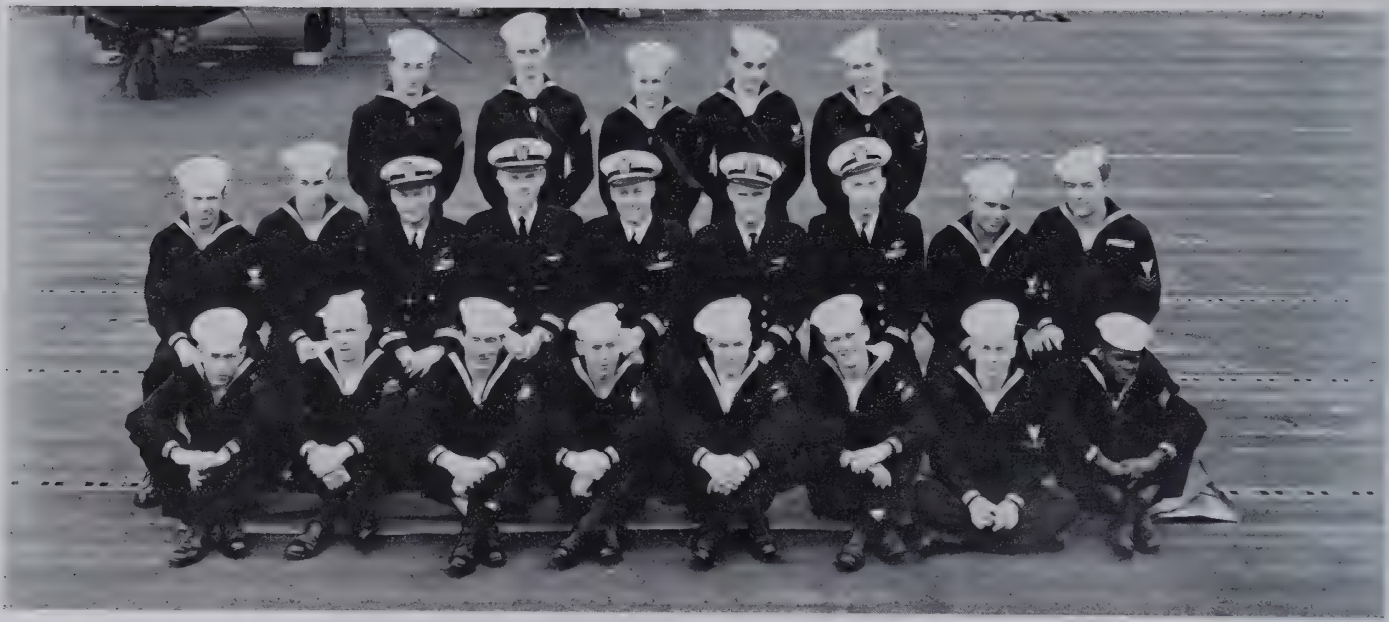


LT D. G. JACKSON, USN

VC—61, Unit BAKER

The officers and men of Composite Squadron SIXTY-ONE, Unit BAKER, have as their home port NAS, Miramar. The parent squadron was established soon after the outbreak of the Korean War, operating both multi-engine and carrier types of photographic aircraft. With the enlarging problem of training specialized carrier photographic teams for the expanding Pacific Fleet, VC-61 was made a strictly fighter photographic reconnaissance squadron on 20 January 1951. With a team of five officer pilots, a crew of twenty to thirty men, and three specially equipped photo planes on each CVA type carrier, VC-61's photo units have been the primary source of photo intelligence for the Pacific Fleet in the Korean War.

VC-61 was represented aboard the Valley Forge by Photo Unit BAKER, led by LT D.G. JACKSON, USN. Flying silver F9F-5P Panther jets, the pilots of Unit BAKER ranged the length and breadth of Korea on such varied assignments as route surveillance, mapping, damage assessment, target search and anti-aircraft defense studies. By acting as the eyes of the fleet the photographs obtained by the many photo sorties contributed materially to the efficient employment of fleet aircraft and the systematic destruction rained upon North Korea by TASK FORCE 77.



VC-61 PHOTO UNIT BAKER

Front Row (l. to r.): Brock; Peterson; Simmons; Robertson; Kahl; Johnson; Shepard; Bradley
Second Row (l. to r.): Blom; Withrow; LT Gilbert; LT Juntilla; LT Jackson; LT Talmadge; LT Roop; Miller; Shope
Third Row (l. to r.): Baumgartner; Rostek; Trivette; Howell; Harbison
Missing from photo: Lenahan, AMC; Cable, ADC; Gaines; Barnett

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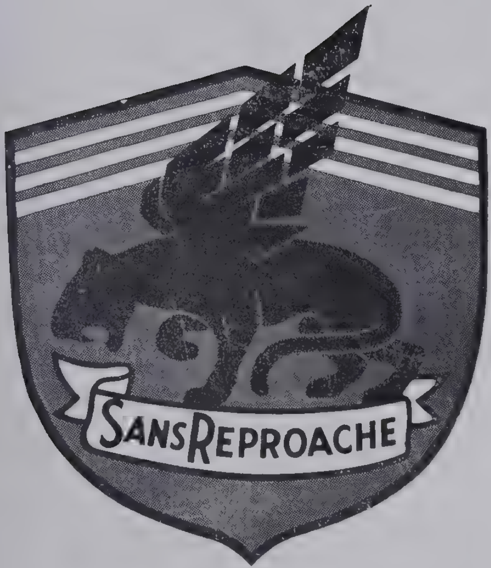

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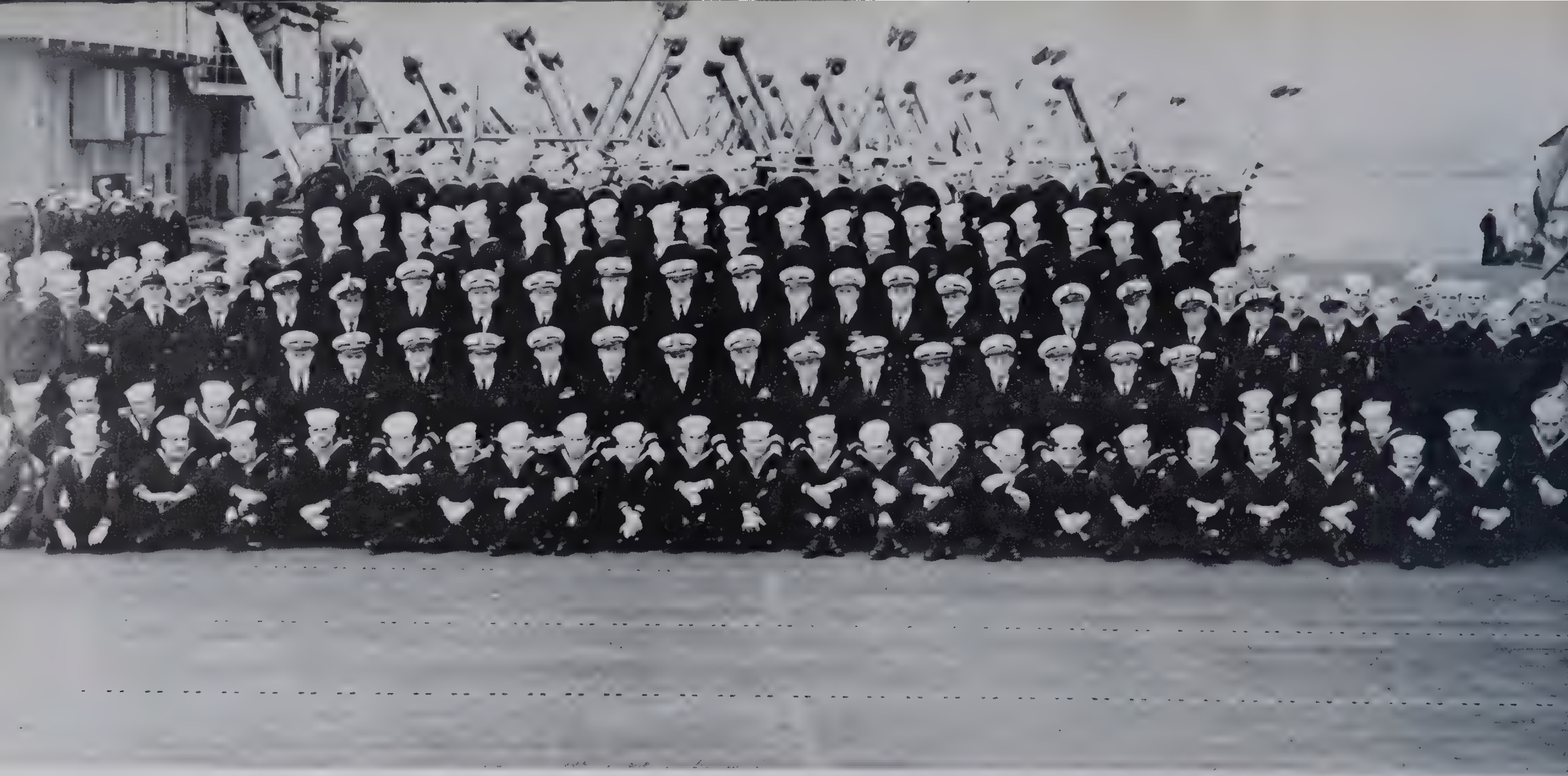
During the year of 1948, Fighter Squadron Fifty-Three was formally commissioned at NAS, San Diego, and became the newest addition to famed, World War II tested, Air Group Five. LCDR W. D. Hubbell, USN, was ordered as the first Commanding Officer of 53, one of the Navy's newest fighter squadrons.

"The Blue Knights" and the Valley Forge were not strangers. LCDR W. R. Pittman, USN, had command when Fighting Fifty-Three and the Valley Forge were ordered, in June of 1950, to Korean waters to launch the first carrier based attacks against the Communists in support of the United Nations forces. Fifty-Three's second Korean combat tour was flown from the U.S.S. ESSEX (CVA-9) with CDR H. J. Trum III, USN, the Valley's present Air Officer, as their skipper. Both of these tours were flown in the renowned F4U Corsair.

The present skipper, LCDR Lawrence B. Green, USN, of Coronado, California, assumed command in April, 1952. In May, "The Blue Knights" mounted new steeds in the form of Panther Jets. Skipper Green led his squadron through intensive transitional training and was the first member of Fighter Squadron Fifty-Three to land a jet aboard the U.S.S. VALLEY FORGE (CVA-45)

The squadron complement of 26 officers and 118 enlisted men worked hand-in-hand to deliver lightning fast strikes aimed at eliminating the enemy's war making potential and furthering the cause of the United Nations.

LCDR L. B. GREEN, USN



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Front Row Seated (l. to r.): Brower; La Croix; Nesser; Chief; Salyer; Samuels; Stewart; Johnson; Duncan; Stark; Bartholow; Clough; McGraw; Mazzilli; Cervenak; Grise; Furtado; Clark; Sinnott; Franklin; Timmerman; Koning; Hutchinson

Second Row Seated (l. to r.): Hardwick; Holt; Gasparian; Kutzer; Richardson; ENS Gustafson; LTJG Burt; LT Moan; ENS Grumieaux; Lt Seawell; LT Working; LCDR Mulligan; LCDR Green; LT Vaught; ENS Barrett; ENS Green; LTJG Townsend; LTJG Frosio; LT Graham; ENS Ferguson; Royal; Bowen; Ball; Ketcham; Younker; Pisarski

Third Row Standing (l. to r.): Cook; Strunk; Blankinship; Schmoker; Sharp; Jessop; Brown; Wayner; Anderson; AMC; Harvel; Bohling; Brenneman, ADC; Sprott; Skinner, ADC; Fortune, AOC; LTJG Prichard; LT Seiler; LTJG Sax; ENS Barnes; ENS Service; ENS Maloney; LTJG Foster; LTJG Walker; LT Bunger; LTJG Hardy; LTJG Chessman; Tennant, AEC; Swader, ADC; Armstrong, ADC; Mann; Le Blanc, ADC; Wagner; Wetherholt; Hickey, ATC; Goodroe; Hess; Stephens; Hartman; Pinkley; Warnke; Wick; Tatera

Fourth Row Standing (l. to r.): Holland; Henson; Watts; Richards, Colvin; O'Dell; Nelson; White; Wright; Booth; Kleinow; Buck; Pirkle; Hester; Keith; Todd; Thompson; Roberts; James; Hutchins; Ferm; Williams; Morgan

Fifth Row, Standing (l. to r.): Wilkinson; Nichols; Poston; Nerren; Meisch; Robbins; Benge; Bennett; Lewis; Henderson; Gutman; Benedetti; Walker; Simmonds; Reasoner; Willis; Watson; Dahrens; Fleming; Ponzetti; Johnson; Gutierrez; Ramsey

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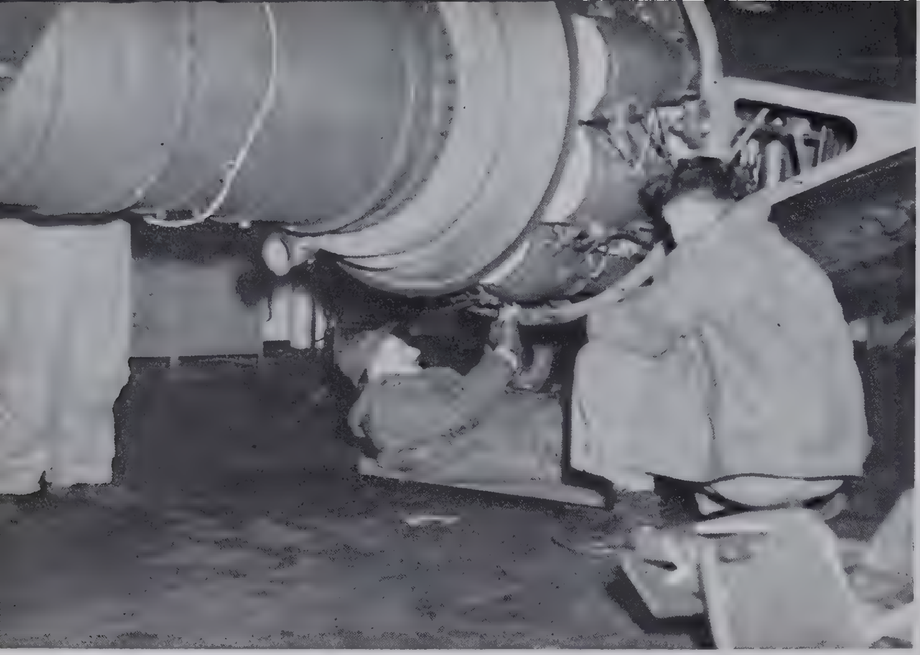
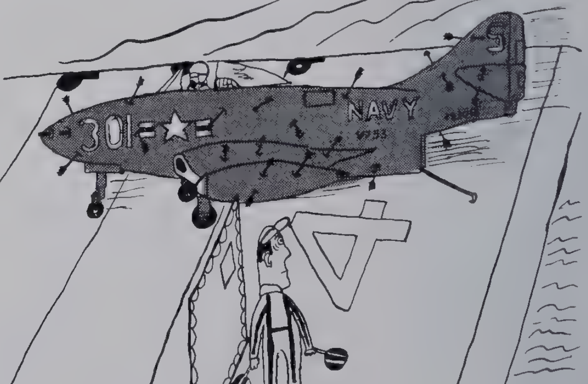


"I think I've got it."

Room for one more.

"About time for GQ?"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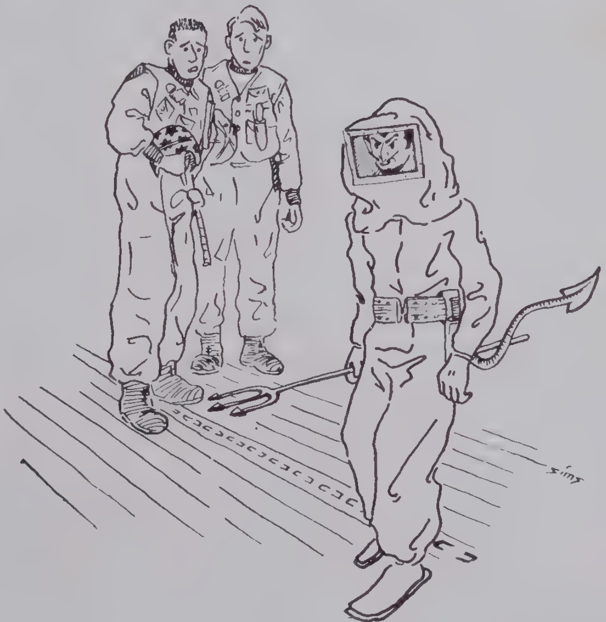
"Need a hammer for this job."

Still at it.

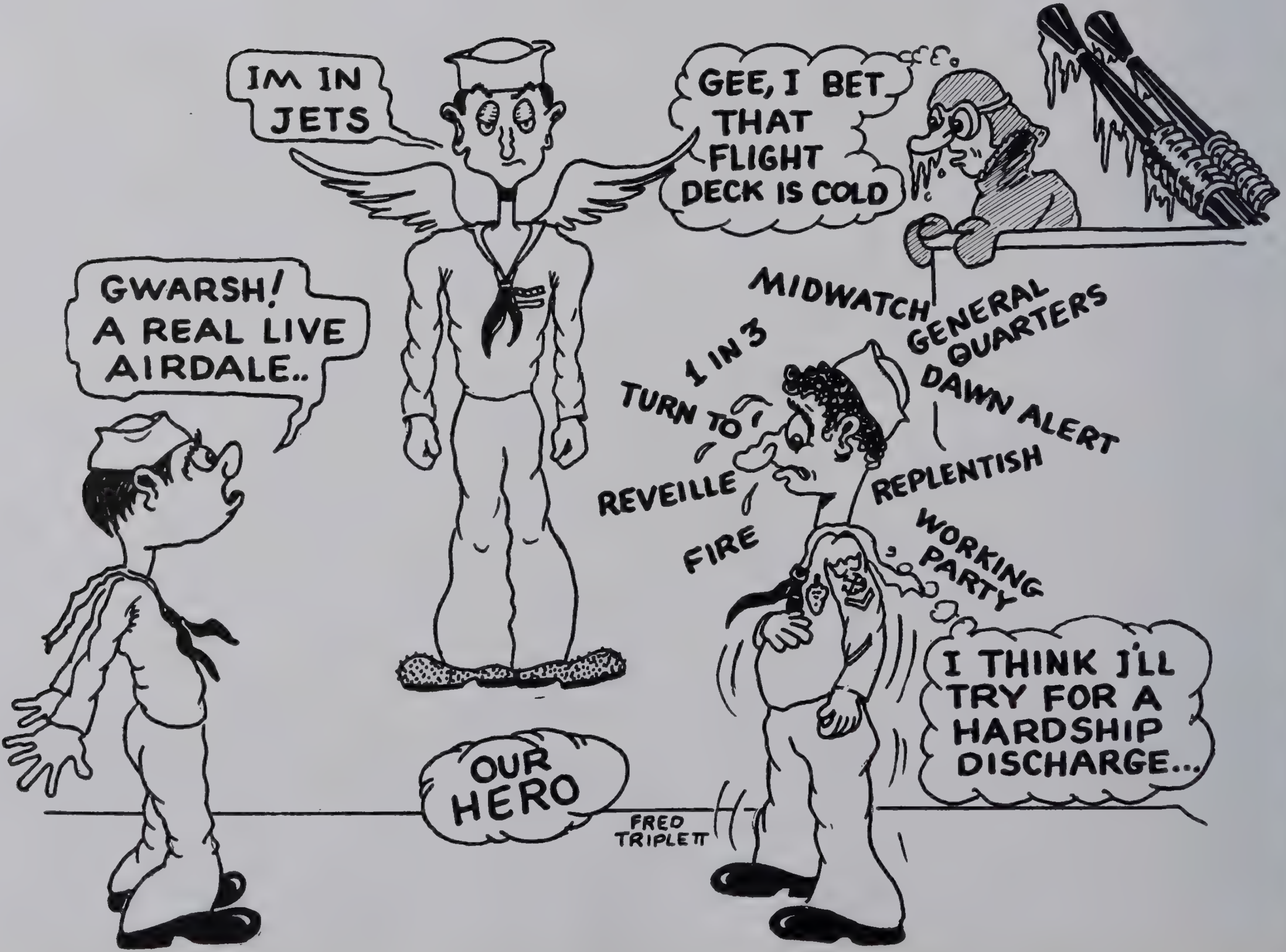
"Reveille 0930?"



"Yeah, but they claim he's the best hot suit man in the Navy."

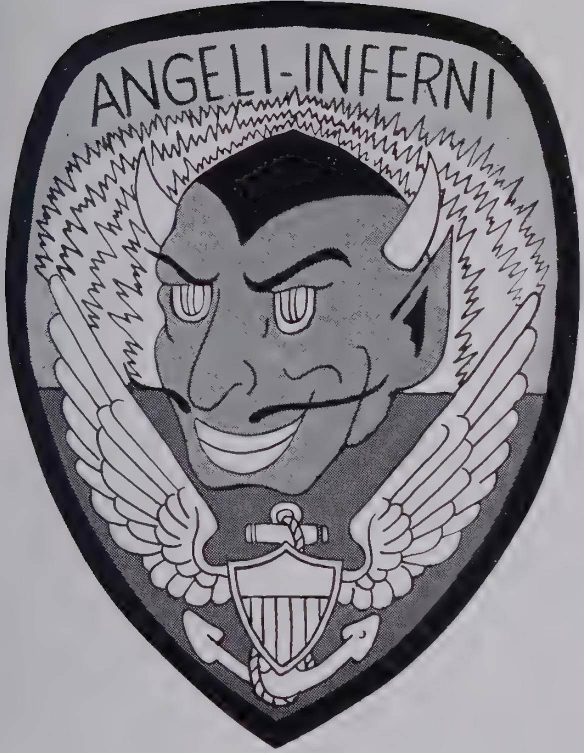
The Acey-Ducey Boys

"-and a double run makes 19 !!"



IM IN JETS
GEE, I BET THAT FLIGHT DECK IS COLD
GWARSH! A REAL LIVE AIRDALE..
MIDWATCH
GENERAL QUARTERS
1 IN 3
TURN TO
DAWN ALERT
REVEILLE
REPLENTISH
FIRE
WORKING PARTY
I THINK I'LL TRY FOR A HARDSHIP DISCHARGE...
OUR HERO
FRED TRIPLETT

VF-54



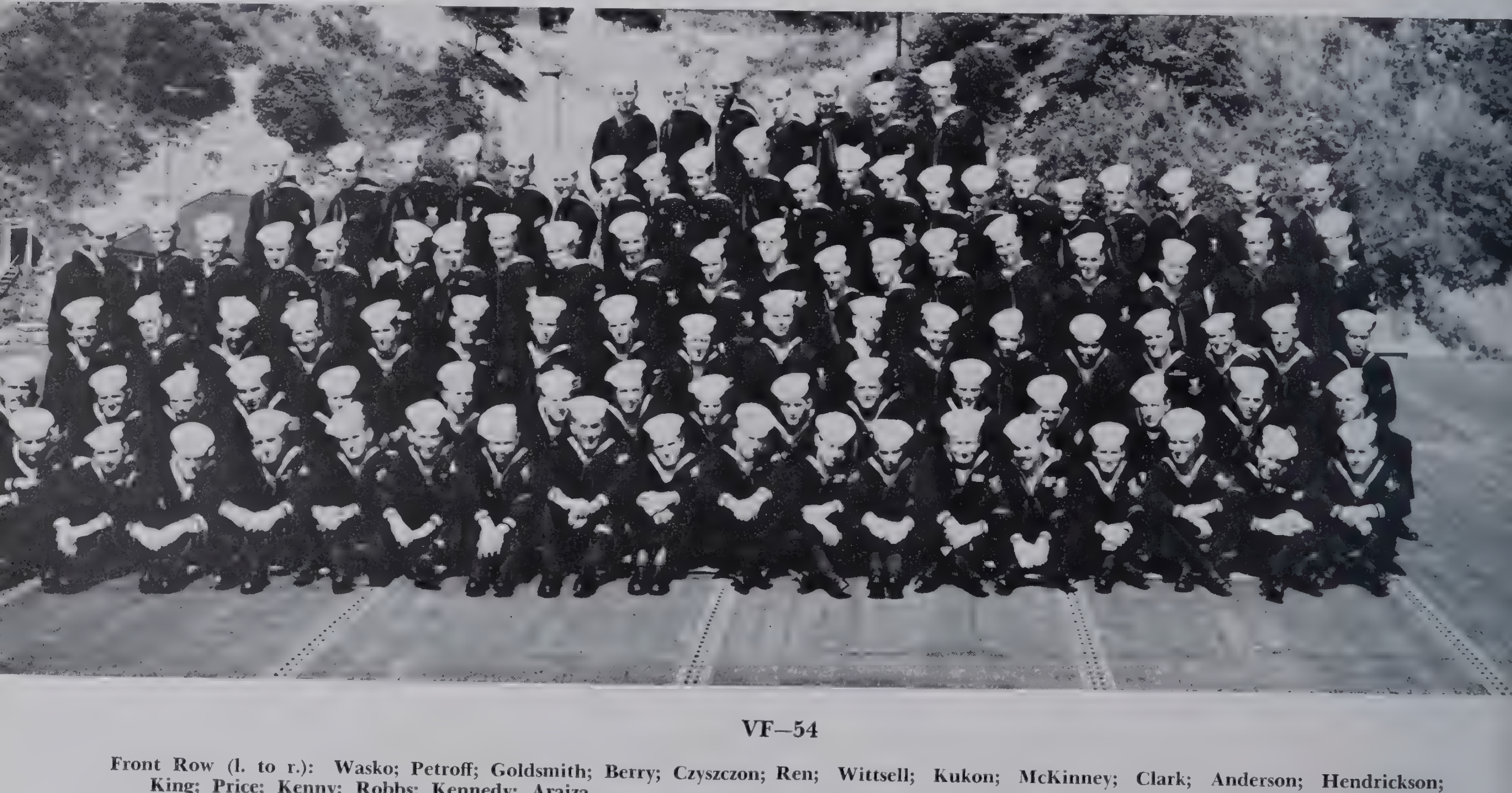
LCDR H. SUERSTEDT, Jr., USN

VF—54

Fighter Squadron FIFTY-FOUR has been identified with the VALLEY FORGE since her first Korean cruise, having been embarked in 1950 when Korean hostilities began. On the VALLEY's fourth cruise, the squadron's complement of 27 officers and 135 enlisted men included 5 officers and 53 men who had made VF-54's second Korean cruise with Air Group NINE aboard the U.S.S. ESSEX (CVA-9) in 1951-2. LCDR Henry Suerstedt, Jr., USN, assumed command of VF-54 in June 1952 and guided the unit through its training at Miramar and El Centro. The 16 AD aircraft assigned to Fighting Fifty-Four were employed primarily as the heavily loaded base element of close air support missions near the front lines, and on strikes on assigned targets of high military priority. A routine mission was escort of the anti-submarine patrol. Attached to VF-54 were units of Composite Squadrons THIRTY-FIVE and ELEVEN.

VF–54

Front Row (l. to r.): ENS Searfus; ENS Rochford; LT Wilson; LT Peters; LT Laracy; LCDR McConnell; LCDR Suerstedt; LT Servies; Lt Walker; LTJG Szymanski; ENS Hartnett; ENS Damian; ENS Burkemper
Second Row (l. to r.): ENS Yocom; ENS Korsgren; LTJG Ahrendts; LTJG Samples; LTJG McArthur; LTJG Shugart; LTJG Ward; LTJG Lewis; LTJG Bartlett; LTJG Poulson; ENS Cameron
Third Row (l. to r.): Greenoe, ADC; Bailey, AMC; Wasko, AEC; Godager, ADC; Marchant, AOC; Shupe, ATC; Widener, ADC; Ledingham, AOC; Bohannan, AOC
Not in photo: Cook, AMC; Fugmann, ADC; Ryan, BMC



VF–54

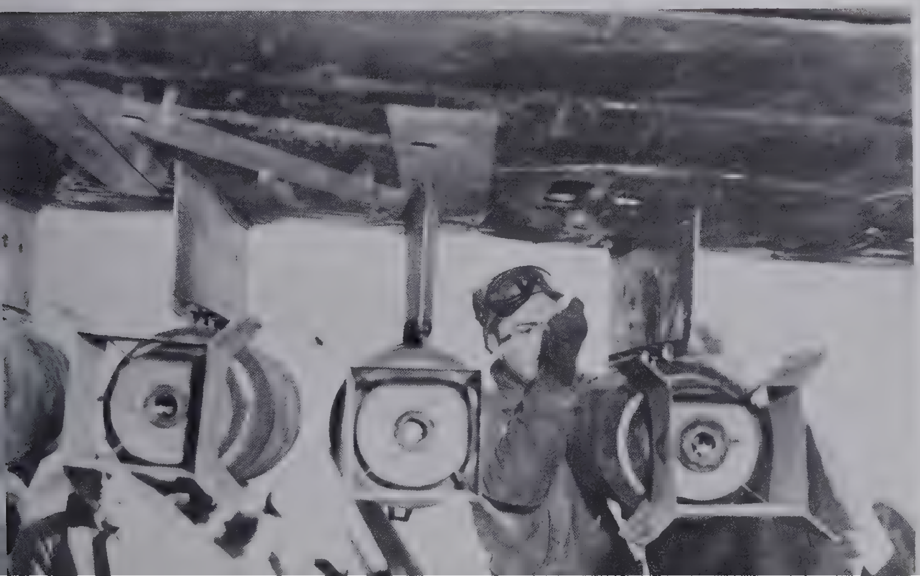
Front Row (l. to r.): Wasko; Petroff; Goldsmith; Berry; Czyszczon; Ren; Wittsell; Kukon; McKinney; Clark; Anderson; Hendrickson; King; Price; Kenny; Robbs; Kennedy; Araiza
Second Row (l. to r.): Porath; Criskell; Hunter; Gawrys; Wideman; Williamson; Linsenbigler; Draz; Sims; Copeland; Eikenberry; Crepeau; Northcutt; Smith; Foree; Waymack
Third Row (l. to r.): Hull; Link; Allgood; Beaver; LeClair; Jerome; Cochrane; Bowman; Gonsowski; Jones; McCall; Davis; Hoover; Tiger; McKay; Pagel; Schwamb; Hon
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Salazar; Hunsaker; Stevenson; Fields; Hall; Coyle; Hayden; Murray; Smith; Tinkler; Sealy; Corkran; Lientz; McMullin; Garner; Kirk; Gamache; Miner; Ryan; Parker
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Tucker; Draper; Hilton; Frey; Dobbs; Barber; Ripley; Powles; Wurster; Hawks; Smith; Cathcart; Vidmore; Veker; Skerbetz; Lancaster; Manglicmot; Glavin; Steuer; Ehart; Renfro
Sixth Row (l. to r.): Holbrook; Allison; Miller; Wallace; Ross; Faye; Mitchell
Not in photo: Bailey, AMCA (T); Blackwell; Blowers; Bohannan, AOC; Boyd; Bray; Cook, AMC; Fields; Fitzgerald; Fugmann, ADC; Gillespie; Glavin; Godager, ADC; Greenoe, ADC; Harris; Hatchitt; Hert; Lane; Ledingham, AOC; Madsen; Mansfield; Marchant, AOC; Moriarty; Noland; Otting; Pierre; Powers; Reid; Rhodes; Ryan, BMC; Shupe, ATCA (T); Stokes; Wald; Wasko, AECA (T); Whitaker

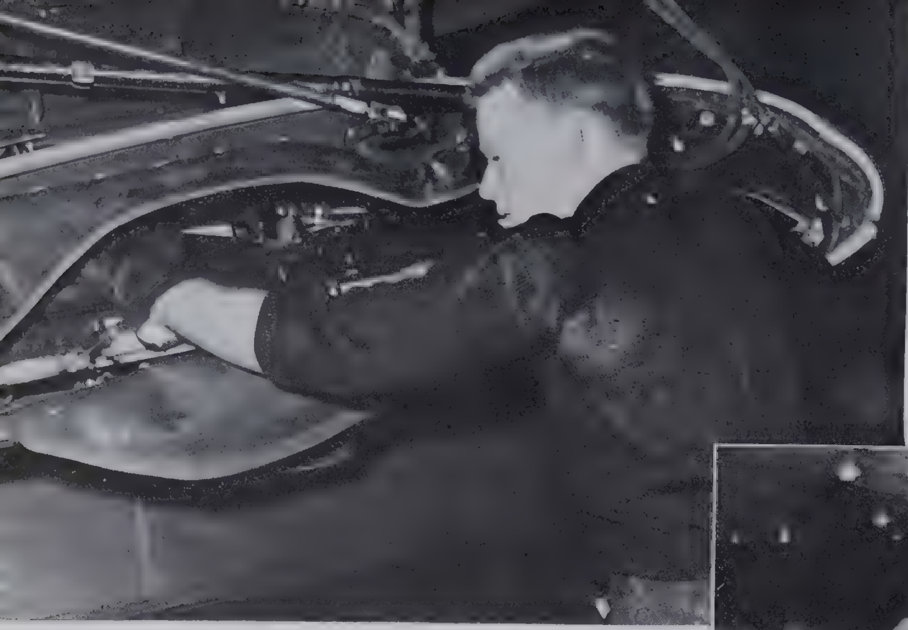
Coming in.

Working her over—

In the barn.

Ready to pay her respects.

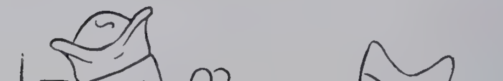




" Chewing gum ?"

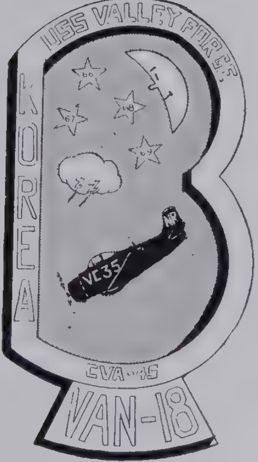
The adjusters

Moshi, moshi!



" But I tell you, under the eighth layer of paint there's wood!!"

VC-35



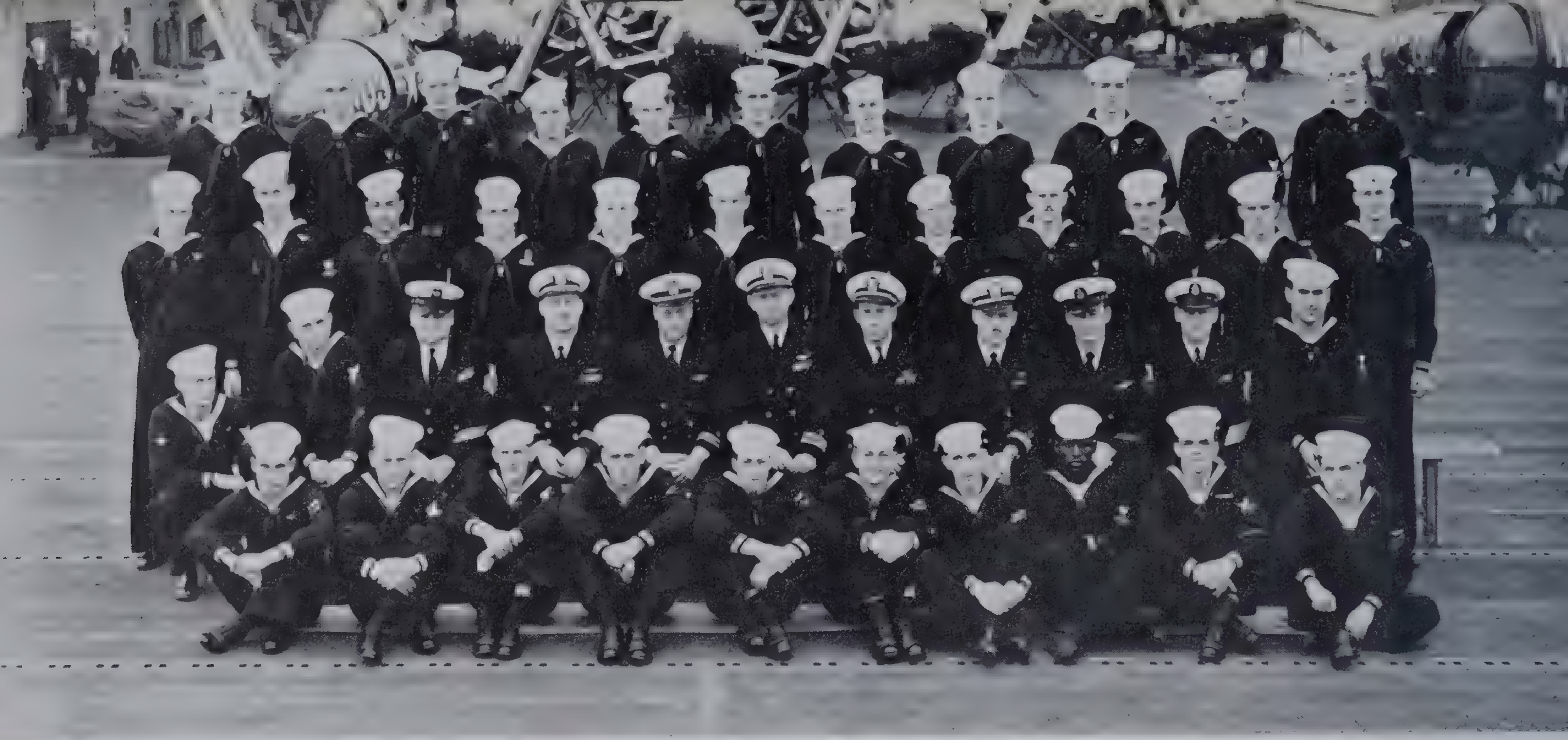
VC-35 Detachment BAKER

Night attack detachment " BAKER " is one of several detachments from Composite Squadron Thirty-Five, whose home base is NAS, San Diego, California. This squadron, which is the only one in its category on the west coast, provided this highly trained and specialized detachment. The primary mission of Unit BAKER detachment was night and all-weather attack, and their primary use in the current tactical situation was on " night heckler," or in more official terminology, " Night Armed Reconnaissance against Enemy Main Supply Routes." Planes from this detachment were catapulted from the ship on the blackest of nights, often into unknown weather conditions, and arrived over enemy territory at a time when no other carrier based planes were operating. These operations were classified as " routine " by all hands in the detachment.

LCDR W. C. GRIESE, USNR

The detachment was made up of six crews, each crew consisting of a pilot and two highly-trained combat aircrewmen. These crewmen had myriad responsibilities, most important of which was the proper operation and interpretation of the complicated and extensive electronic gear installed in each of the AD-4N aircraft.

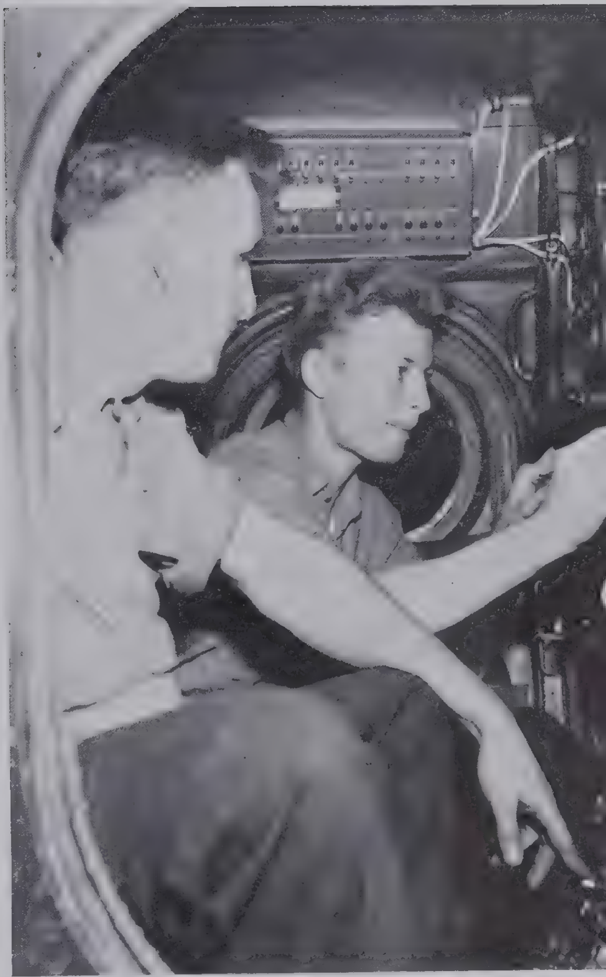
LCDR W. C. GRIESE, USNR, was skipper of VC-35, Detachment BAKER.



VC-35 DETACHMENT BAKER

Front Row, (l. to r.): Davies; Ehni; Crosby; Brand; Hernandes; McGreevy; Flanagan; Walters; Irving; Englehart
Second Row, (l. to r.): Bangerter; Prager; Messinger; LT Weinbeck; LT Herrick; LCDR Greise; LT Walstrom; LT Counihan; Harrington, Taras, Deger
Third Row, (l. to r.): Johnson; Yeisley; Handy; Iles; McGuiness; Stroupe; Lee; Hjelt; Staggs; Manor; Blehm; Hall
Fourth Row, (l. to r.): Livengood; Bozeman; Shadburn; Reese; Browning; Richard; Lenz; Durbin; Jenkins; Philipson; Green
Missing from photo: Osburn; Pelliciotti; Robertson

Revving up



The Airdales at work

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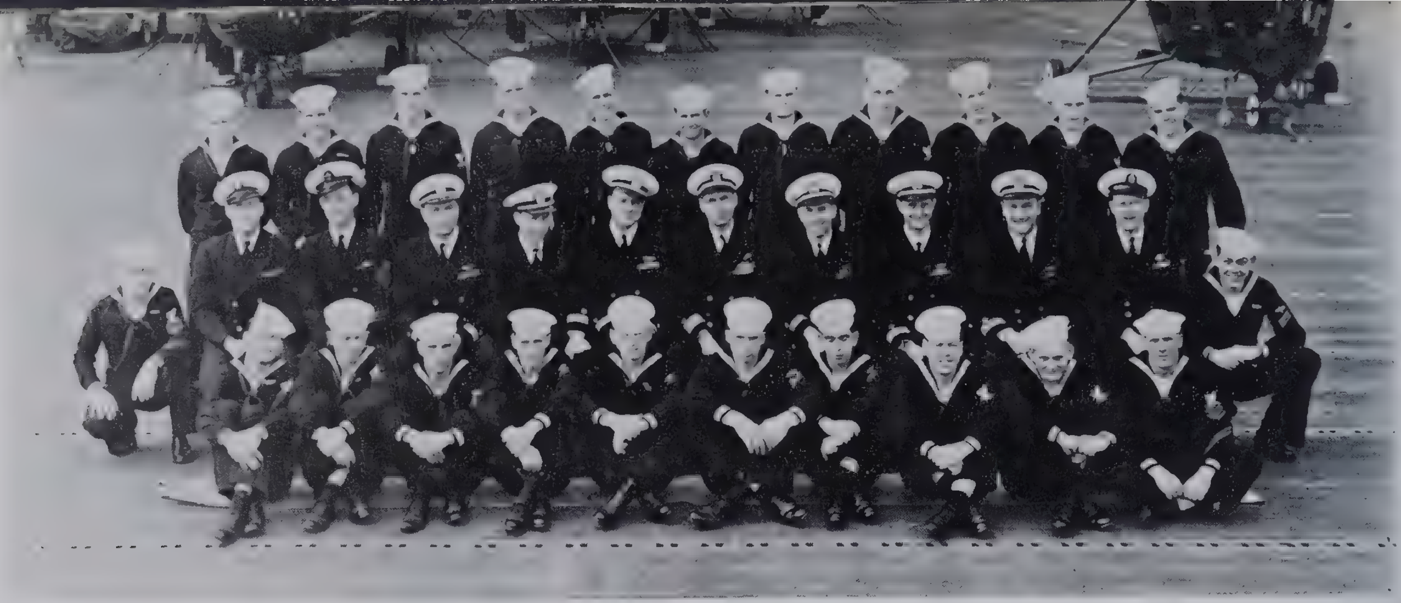
The Old Grind

VC-11

LCDR W. M. MEREDITH, Jr., USNR

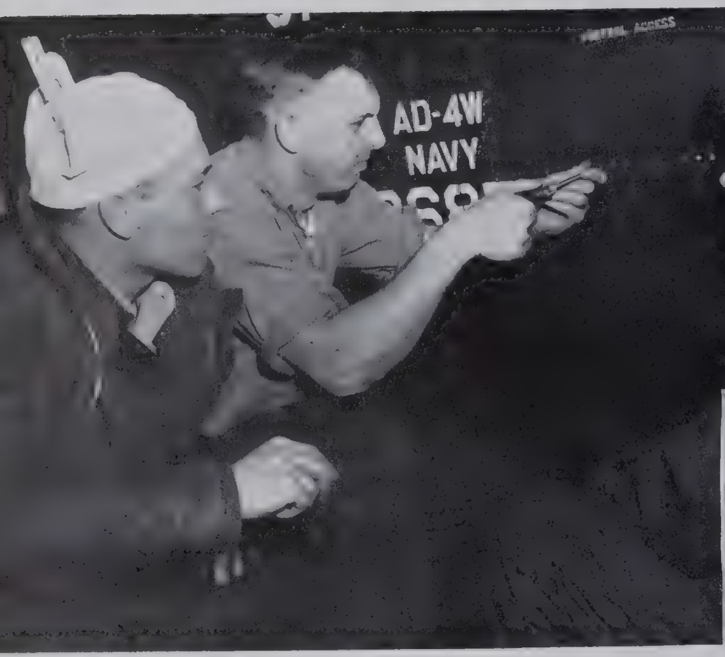
VC—II

Detachment 'Baker' of Composite Squadron ELEVEN was attached to VF-54. Embarking from VC-11's home field on North Island (San Diego) with 35 officers and men. The primary mission of the 3-plane team was anti-submarine patrol, an unromantic and unremitting task performed daily during daylight hours and the first and last hours of darkness. The team was comprised of pilots, air controllers, radar technicians, a maintenance crew of several different ratings, plane captains and a steward's mate. Independent of VF-54 from its maintenance and operations, this Unit 'BAKER' availed itself of a great many of that squadron's facilities and identified itself with pride with the record of that organization. LCDR William M. Meredith, Jr., USNR, of Westport, Conn., was skipper of the unit.



VC-11 DETACHMENT BAKER

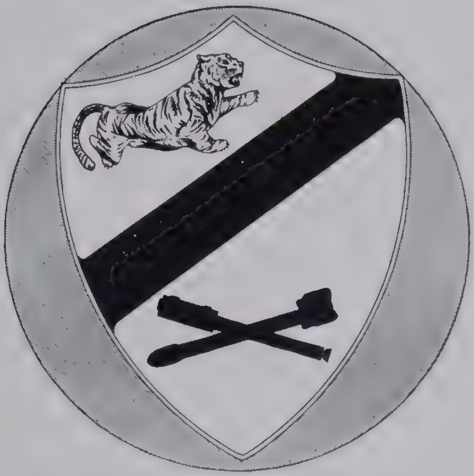
Front Row (l. to r.): Rogers; Banning; Sheppeard; Grigg; Robinson; Turner; Maddox; Oftedahl; Smith; Merritt
Second Row (l. to r.): Younggren; Fought, AMC; Conner, ADC; LT Rossi; LT Scott; LT Hoyt; LCDR Meredith; LT Howard; LT Hartwig; LT Place; Harris, ATC; Cash
Third Row (l. to r.): Dohn; Hightower; Sherman; Evans; Brown; Inman; Winters; Summers; Marlow; Fuller; Gaillard
Missing from photograph: LT Whitby, Dyer



Some of the crew at work

Officers and chiefs

VF-92



VF—92

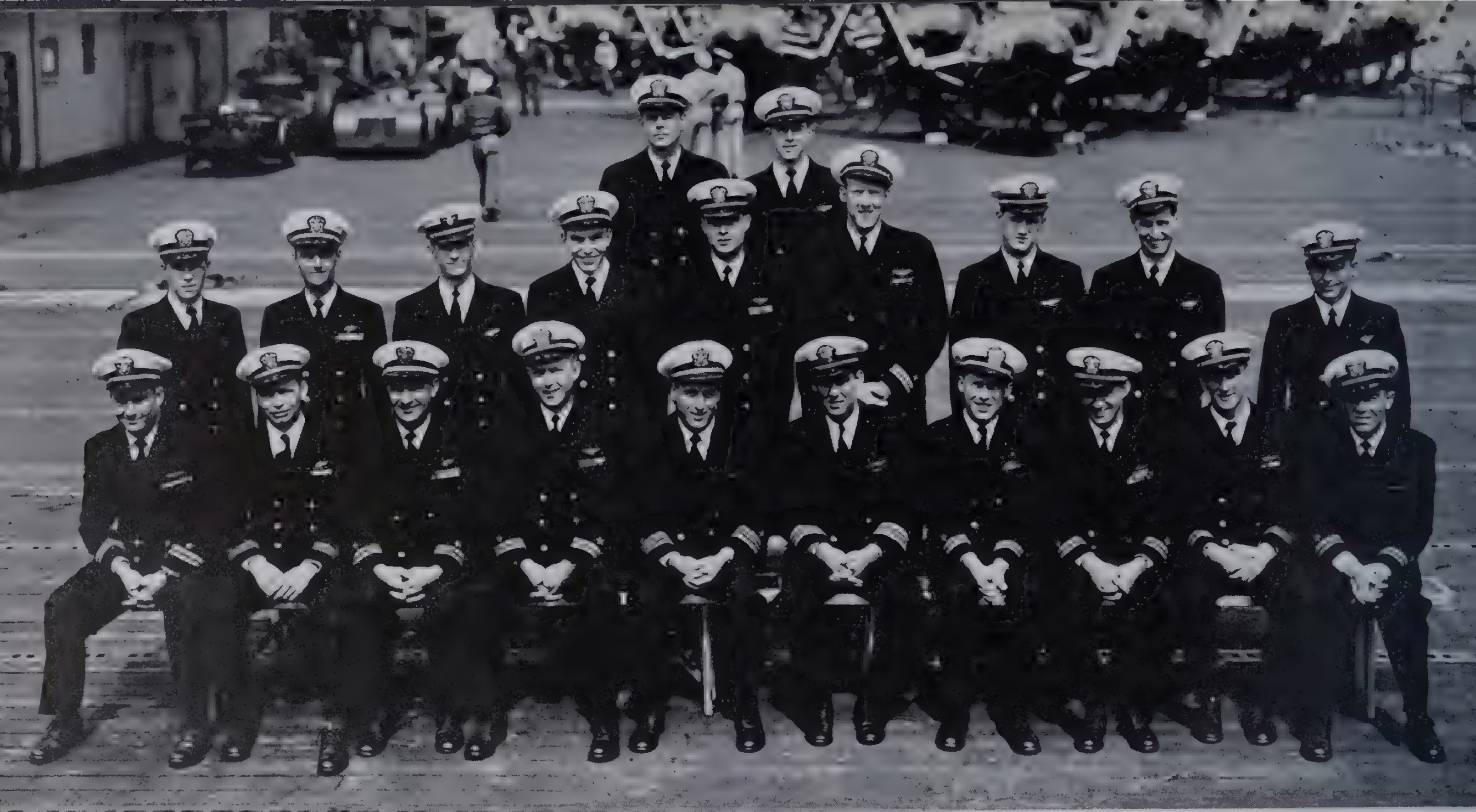
Fighter Squadron Ninety-Two was commissioned 26 March 1952 at NAS Alameda, California. This squadron, along with the other squadrons of Carrier Air Group Nine, was re-commissioned to serve in the Korean emergency. The majority of the pilots were reservists who had seen duty during World War II and were recalled to active duty for the present conflict. The rest of the flying team was composed of young officers of the regular navy, recently graduated from the training command.

From the time the squadron was commissioned until late summer, 1952, the outfit trained in both the FG and F4U-4 aircraft. During July, VF-92 participated in Operation Signpost, a joint Air Force-Navy air defense problem. The squadron was commended for its part in this buildup of Pacific Coast defense. Meanwhile the unit worked hard on its training syllabus at NAS Alameda and at NAAS Fallon, Nevada. The many hours of rocket and bombing practice at Fallon paid real dividends in the excellent results obtained in the Korean combat area.

LCDR H. T. FICHMAN, USNR

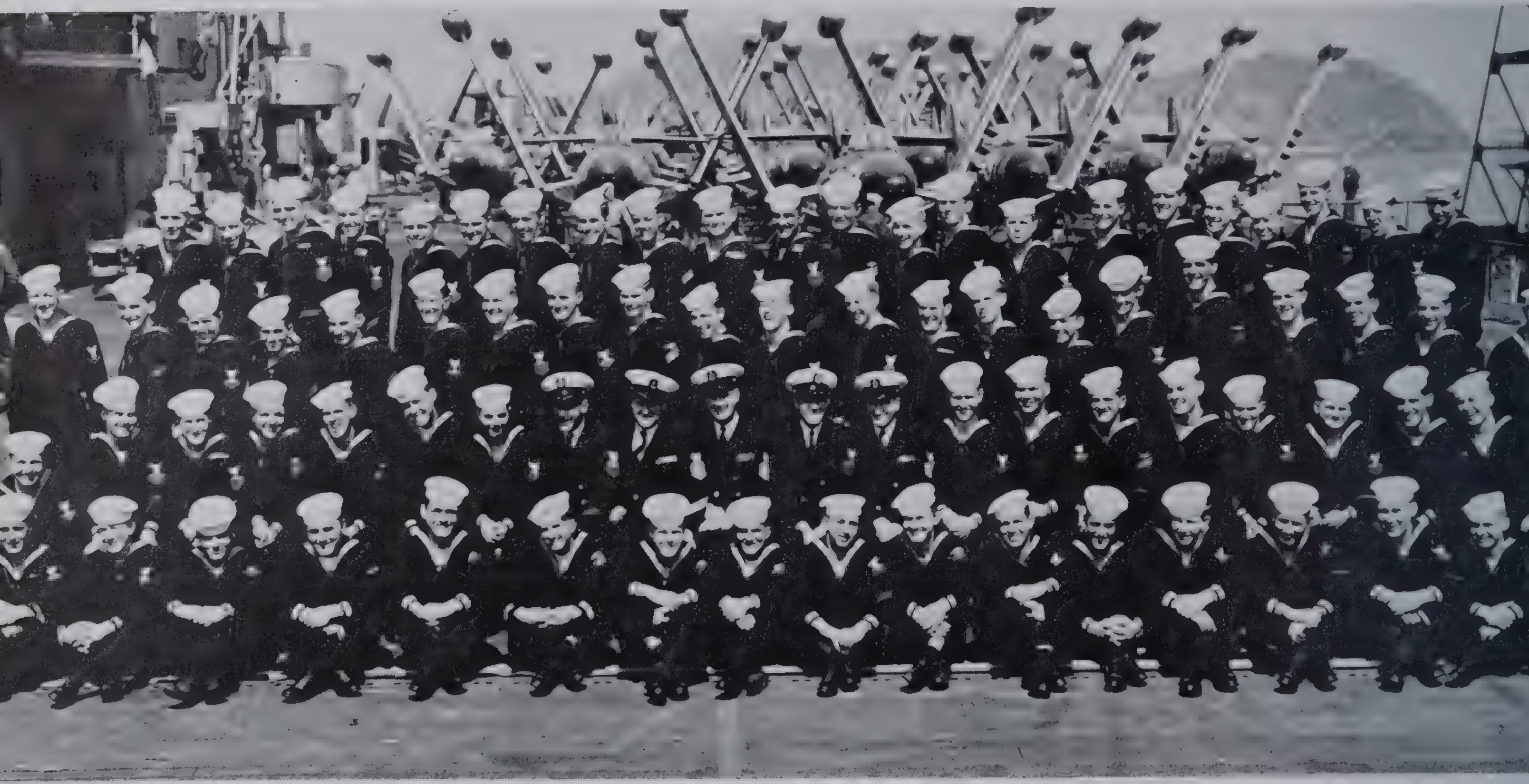
In October, 1952, orders were received transferring VF-92 to Carrier Air Group Five and the Valley Forge. On this tour, skipper of VF-92 was LCDR H. T. Fichman, USNR.

This squadron had the distinction of being one of the last to fly the Corsair in combat. This World War II fighter, now considered obsolete, proved to be one of the most effective aircraft in the Korean conflict.



VF–92

Front Row (l. to r.): LT Beatman; LT Mellblom; LT Napolitano; LT Starns; LCDR Berkebile; LCDR Fichman; LT Lavenau; LT Porter; LT Clark; LT Bartol
Second Row (l. to r.): LTJG Gent; LTJG Lowell; ENS Core; LTJG Van Slyke; LTJG Rawsthorne; LT Engel; ENS Casterlin; ENS Clapsaddle; LT Harvey
Third Row (l. to r.): ENS Lounsberry; ENS Burton

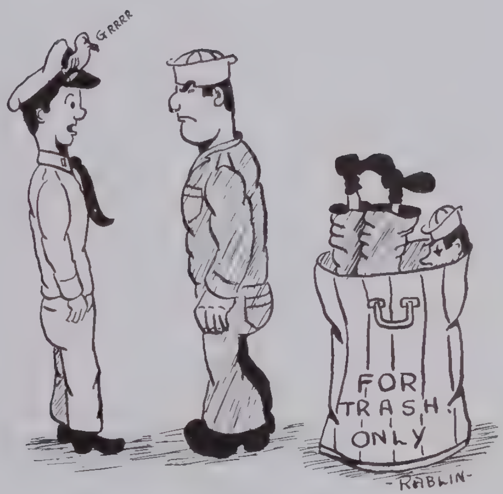


VF–92

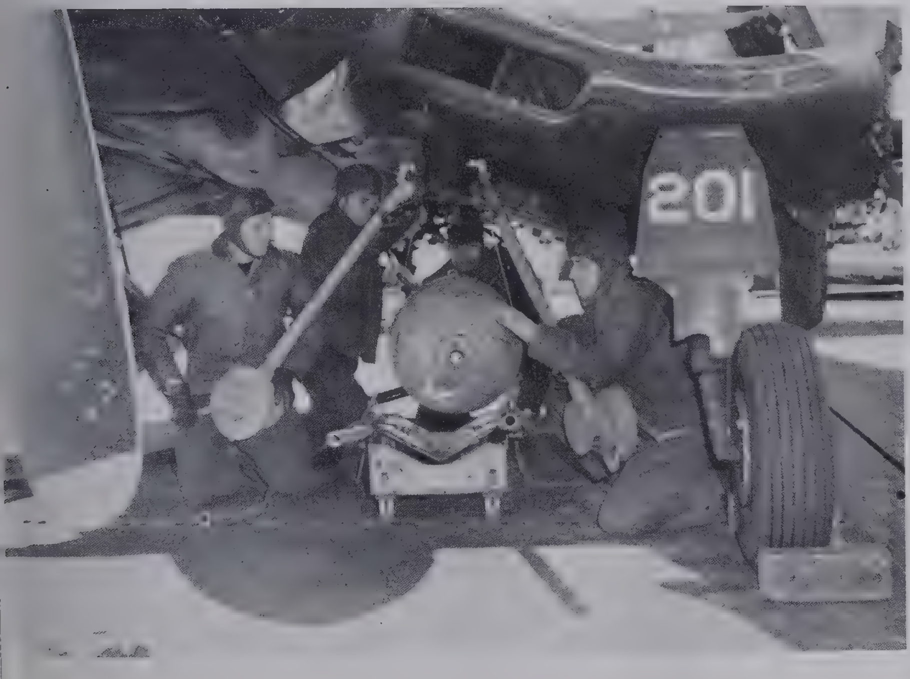
Front Row (l. to r.): Serpas; Houser; Cusick; Reed; Cerreta; Reynolds; Creech; Morley; Yost; DeWill; Hargrove; Kemp; Fringer; Ashley; Lynch; Condor
Second Row (l. to r.): Rohner; Dickerson; Bonneau; Carney; Shares; Adams; Thomas; Rosen, ADC; Jennings, ADC; Wood, ADC; Fitzwater, ADC; Lawler, ADC; Blanken; Ross; Calarco; Shackelford; Farrell; Alson; Curcio; Griffith
Third Row (l. to r.): Curtis; Hyder; Thorson; Munkers; Unick; Johnson; Lowry; Gerten; Anderson; Minyard; Castronova; Vincent; Holmes; Nichols; Berger; Andrews; Kelley; Riggs; Hill; Wiley; Armbruster
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Brooks; White; Schorre; Mansell; Ahrens; Cudd; Wennes; Hanby; Morgan; Oates; Hyder; Haskill; Robinson; Goblirsch; Shaw; Hillman; Mewhirter; Eddy; True; Wood; Cason; Towle

Back home . . .

For repairs . . .


GRRRR
FOR TRASH ONLY
-RABLIN-

"Did you find a place for the new man?"

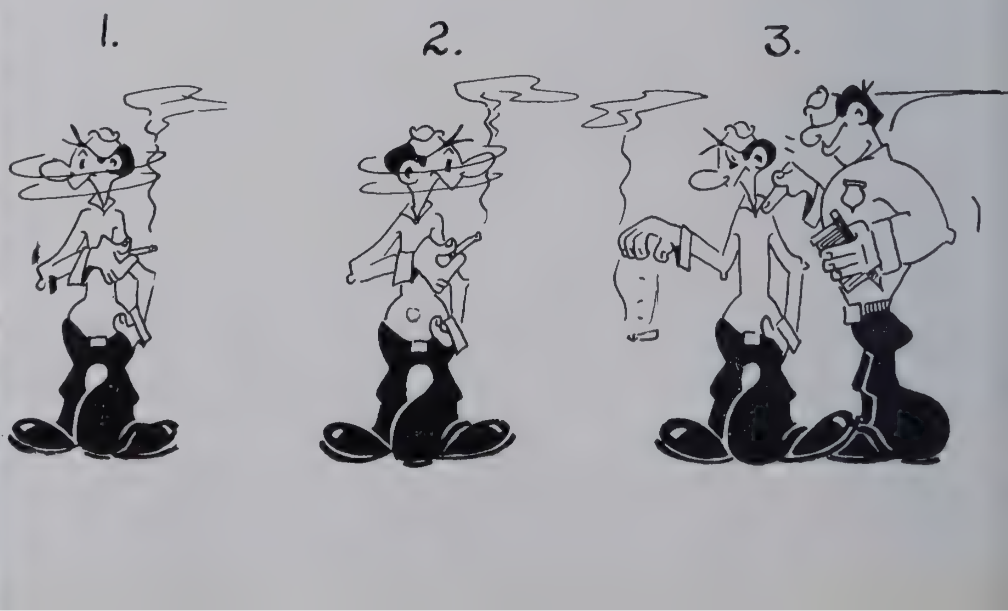


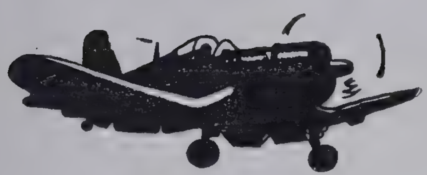
Ready to go again

"Hope it holds."

Out of the poopy suit.

"...and boy, was she cute!"



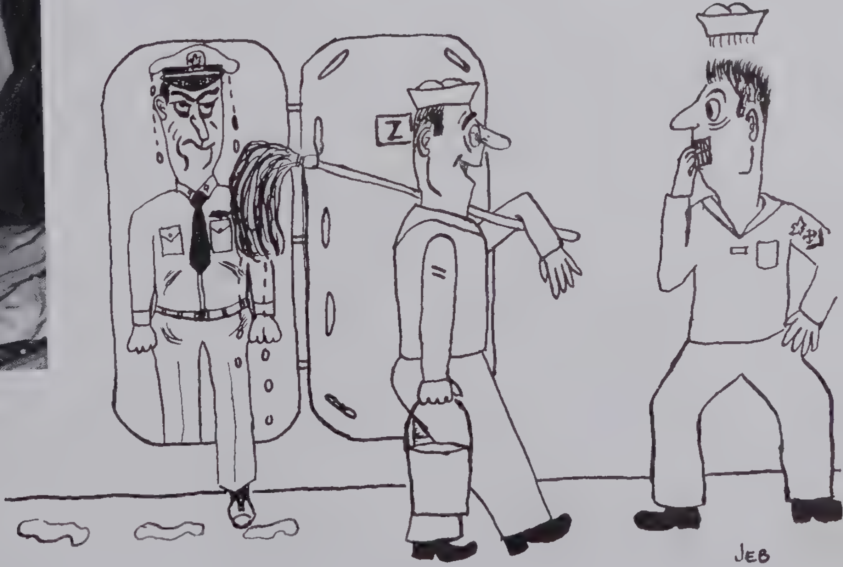


"Give me a hand"

"Never mind"

Always—

. . . on the go!

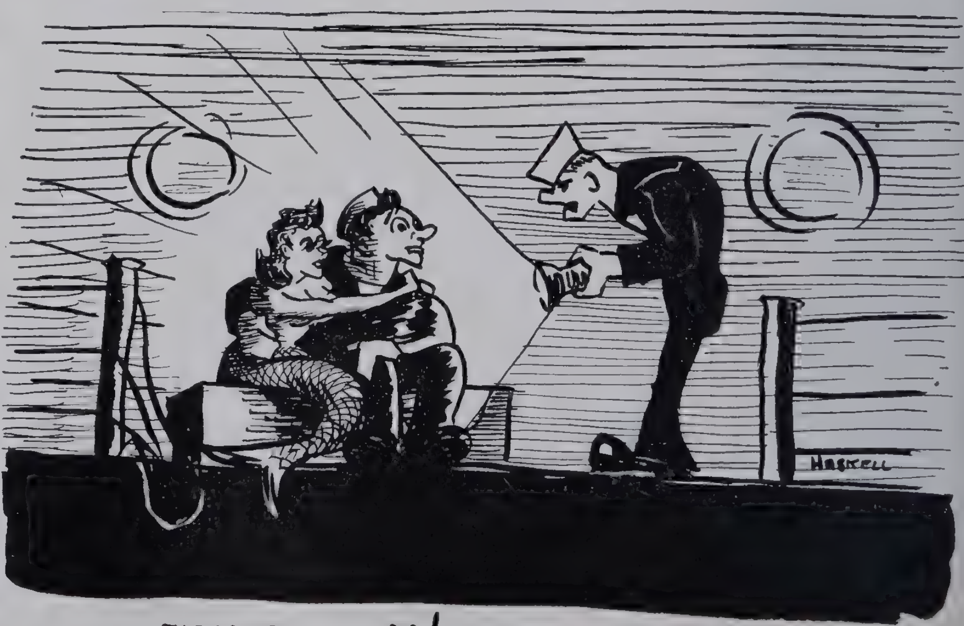


"Did the skipper sign my liberty chit?"

Ordnance

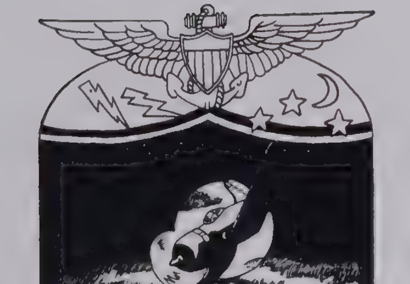
Waiting to be briefed.

Clean it up.



ALRIGHT JONES! No VISITORS AFTER TAPS.

VC-3



LT H. D. CROWLEY, USN

VC—3

The officers and men comprising detachment "Baker" of Composite Squadron Three, have as their home base NAS Moffett Field, California. The parent squadron is under the command of CDR D. H. Guinn, USN, and its purpose is to supply capable night fighter pilots for Pacific Fleet carriers.

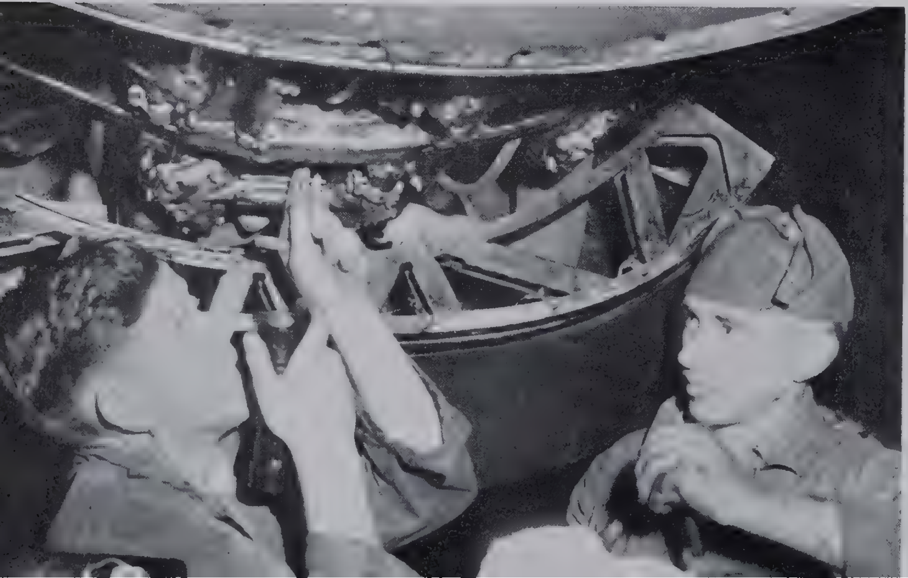
The primary mission of this team, under the command of LT H. D. Crowley, USN, was to provide round the clock all-weather protection for the task force, supplemented by night interdiction of enemy lines.

Training for this mission began at FALLWEATRA PAC, Barber's Point, Oahu, February, 1952, and continued at Moffett Field under the parent squadron. The syllabus required many hours of advanced instrument training, ground-controlled intercepts and low visibility approaches. Night gunnery and ordnance instruction was received at El Centro last summer and additional "TAD" orders were issued for the many day and night carrier qualification cruises.

VC-3 team "Baker", joined the USS VALLEY FORGE October 20, 1952 and departed San Diego for Japan November 20, 1952.

VC-3 DETACHMENT BAKER

Front Row (l. to r.): Hassett; Brown; Kellerman; King; Negrete; Johnson; Valentine; Burton; Herrera
Second Row (l. to r.): Du Boise; Pumphery; Cunningham, AMC; LT Johnson; LT McNamara; LT Crowley; LT Henke; Page, AOC; Bielesch
Third Row (l. to r.): Gresham; Montgomery; Bloomer; Griffith; Cameron; King; Blanchard; Canfield; Baber; Dulaney; Boone; Hughes;



"..Need a bigger hammer"

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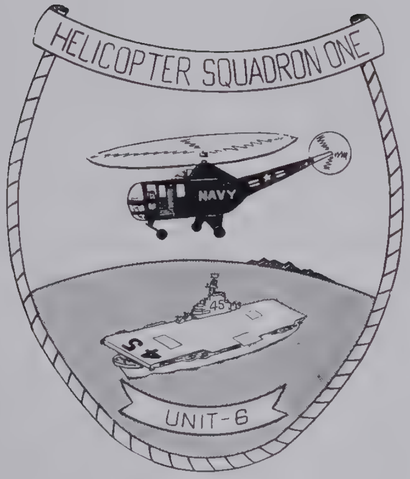
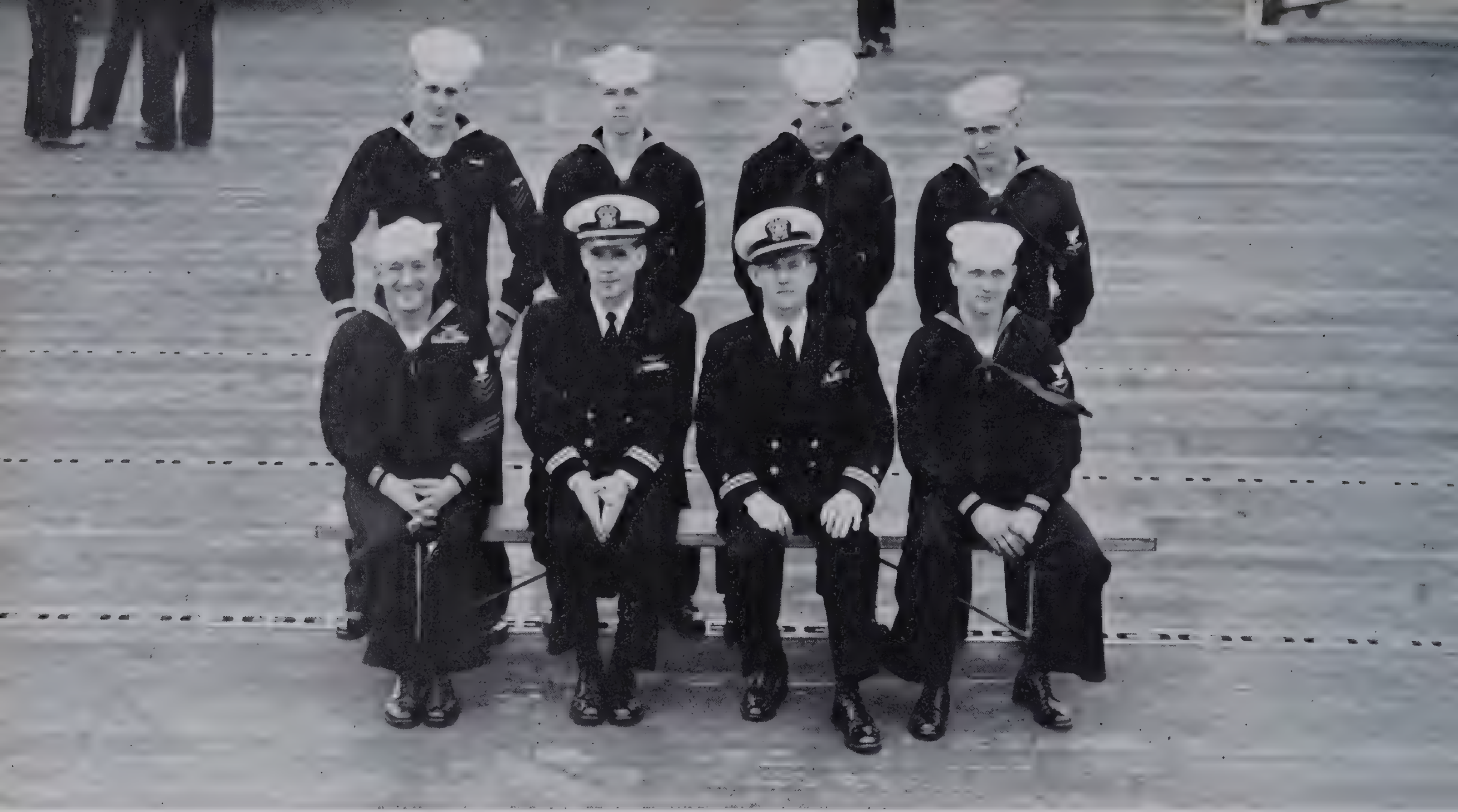


LT ROBERT ZINSER, USNR

HU—1

Helron ONE is the only helicopter squadron operating with the Pacific Fleet and supplies trained crews with aircraft to all heavy ships, LST's and ice breakers. The complement of each Unit consists of a Helicopter, two pilots and six specially trained crew members. Rescue of downed pilots was their primary duty but they were also kept busy with personnel transfers, guard mail runs, Naval gun fire spotting and cargo transfers.

Helicopter Squadron ONE, Unit SIX, whose home base is NAS, San Ysidro, California, was aboard the U. S. S. VALLEY FORGE during this last tour of combat duty. While based aboard, the Unit was attached to the Air Department. The pilots were LT Robert Zinser, USNR, and LT James Hahn, USNR.



HU—1

Front Row (l. to r.): Johnson; LT Zinser; LT Hahn; Karasinski
Second Row (l. to r.): Boso; Royer; Rhoden; McDaniel

The chopper squad

The chopper . . .

on deck . . .

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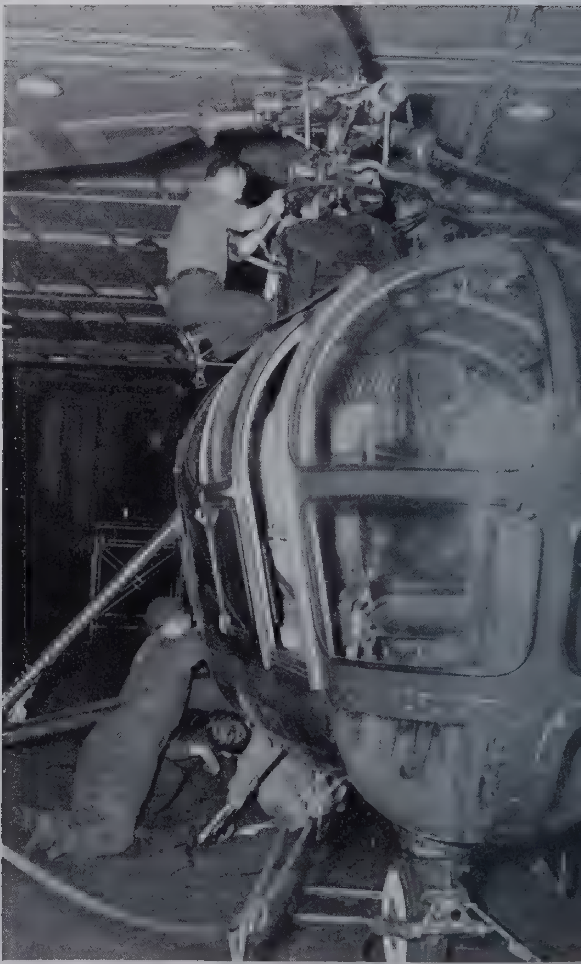


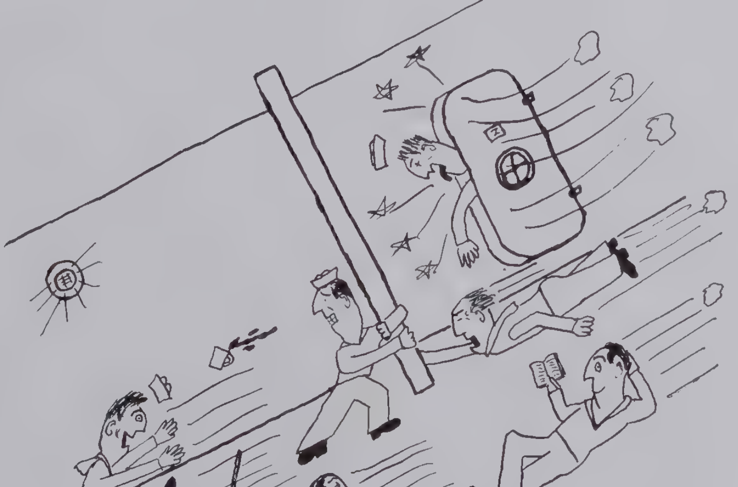
and in the barn.

"Whirleybird Boys"

few who have learned from experience
at the "Whirleybird" is here to stay.

fixing her up

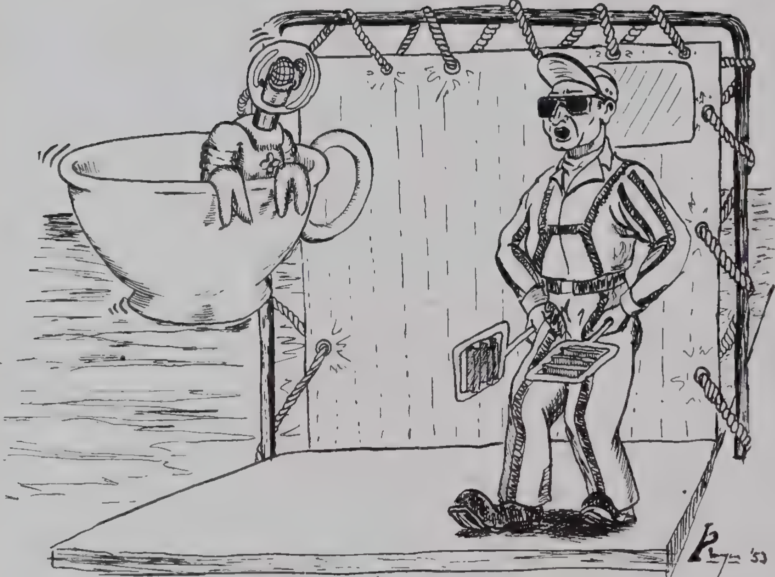
The HU-1 cake-cutting.



"High speed turn to starboard!!!"

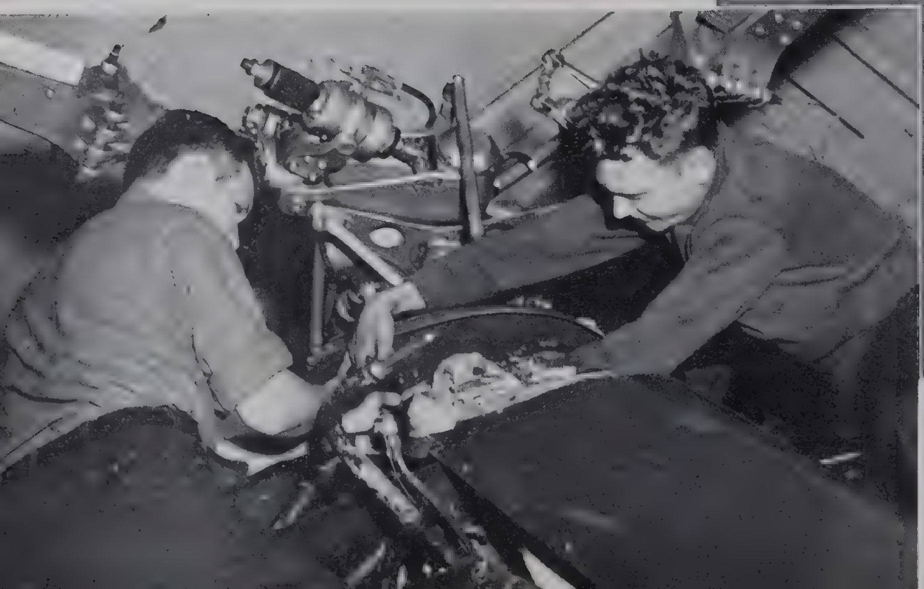
"Let's watch the grease."

"Looks good from here."



"No, I haven't seen any flying saucers!"

"Not on my watch, Sir!"



The Cruise

We trained . . .

And trained . . .

And trained!

Then we had our
Farewell Party

Departing from our third San Diego tour!

Our first Port of Call...

Hawaii

Aloha Malahini

NATIONAL
MEMORIAL
CEMETERY
OF THE
PACIFIC

Waikiki

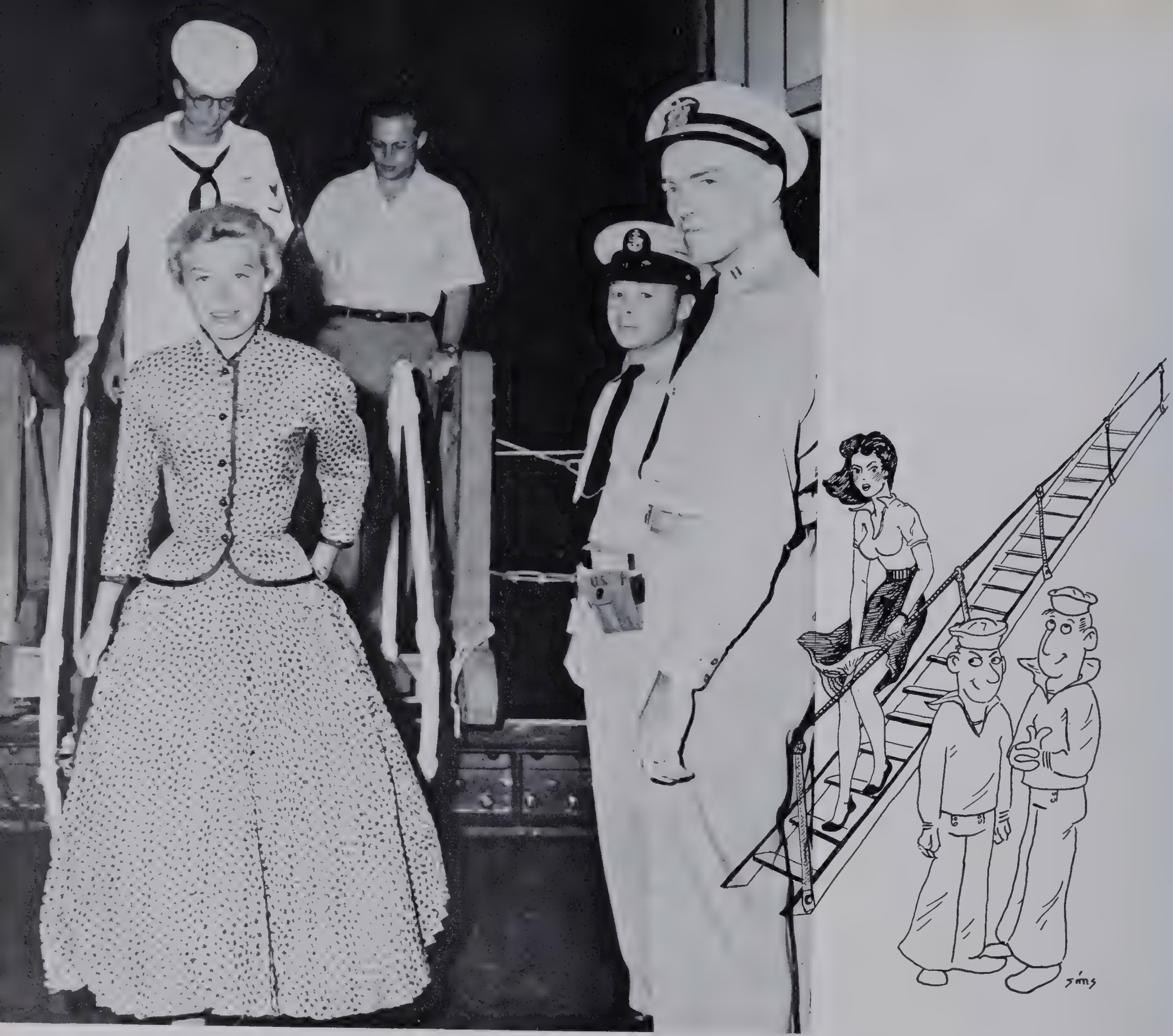
Banyan Tree

Diamond Head

Everyone . . .

relaxes . . .

in Hawaii



We were visited by Vera Ellen...

and did some visiting...

ourselves.

Yokosuka

VALLEY FORGE

Drydocking in Japan...

required Pinwheel-

manpower-

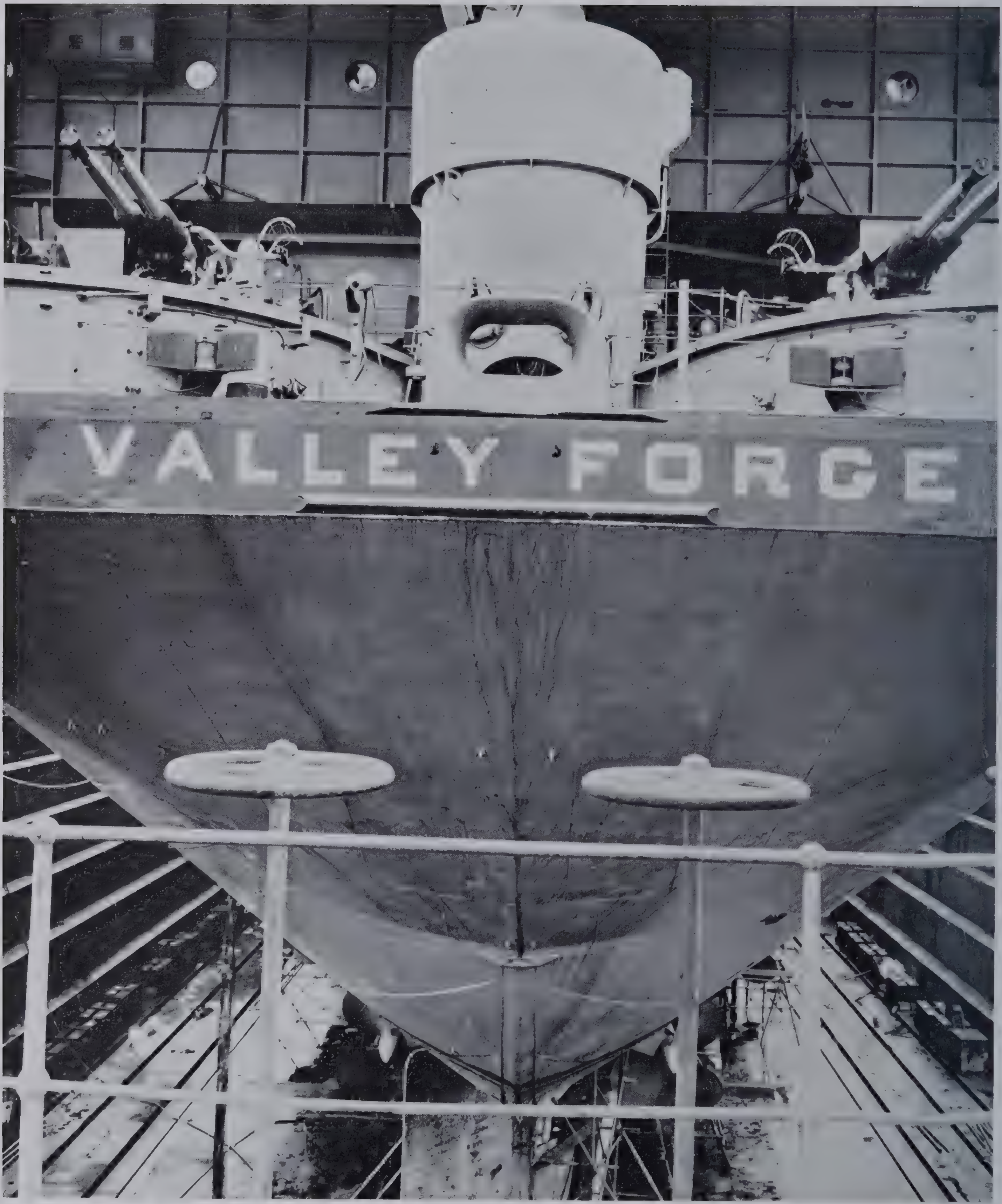
body english-

in at last

pumping out the water...

Sitting high and dry

VALLEY FORGE


VALLEY FORGE

Standby to refloat...

ND
NR
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NR

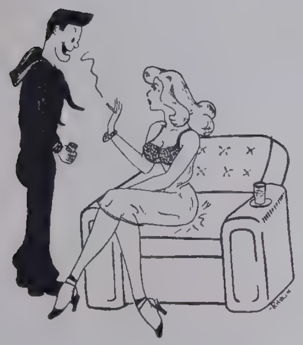
Leaving drydock

—berthing at Piedmont Pier

Christmas

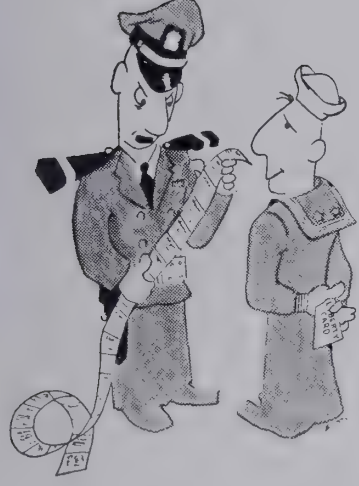
in . . .

Japan



I just love that old lace
on the top of your dress.

Shopping . . .



"I keep thinking there's one missing!"

and bargaining

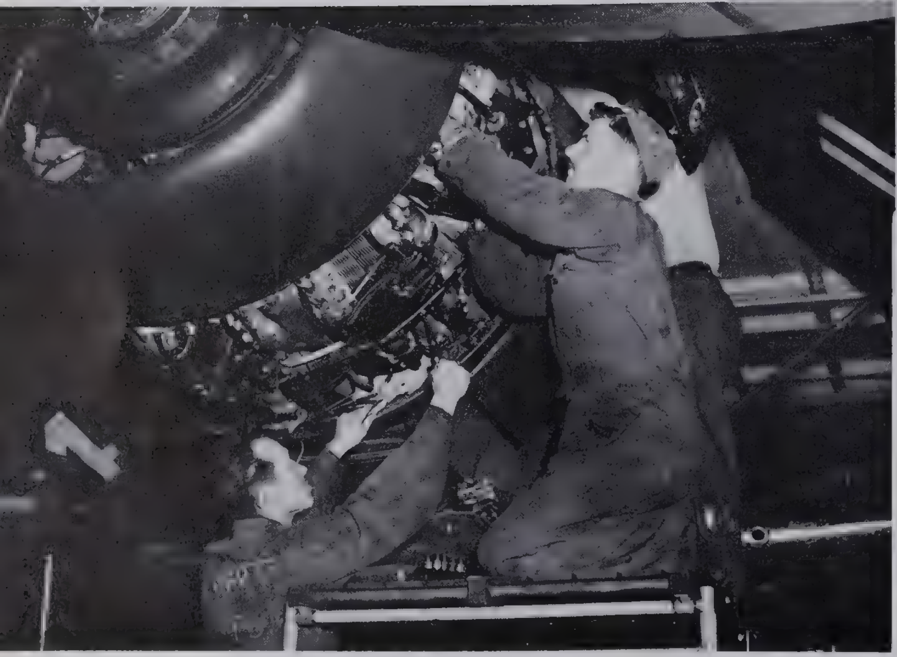
Think it'll pass inspection?

E. M. Club, Yokosuka

Let's go, Joe . . .
Valley Forge

Heading for the line...

Our first launch



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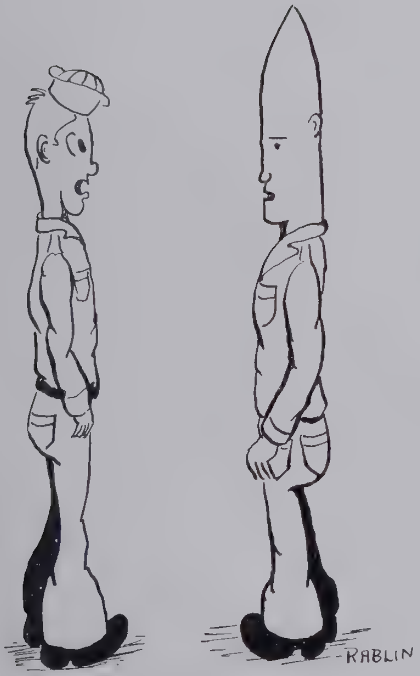
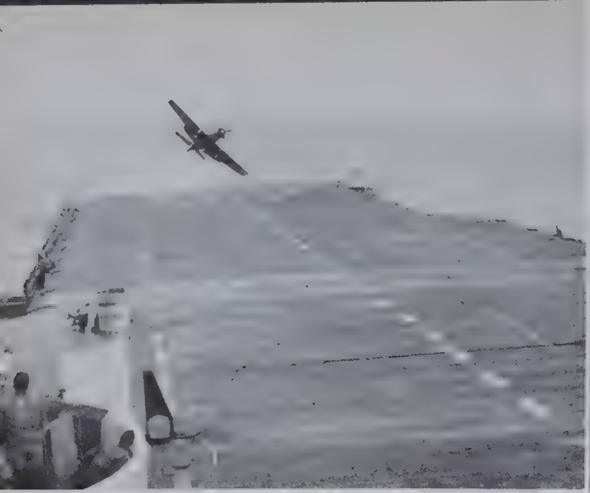


"I've been working with 5″ ammo for ten years now."

CRASH



RESCUE

Stand by to start

Tighten those shoulder straps.

What, no ox carts?

That's the last one,—
now for that hot coffee.

Some took...

R and R in Japan

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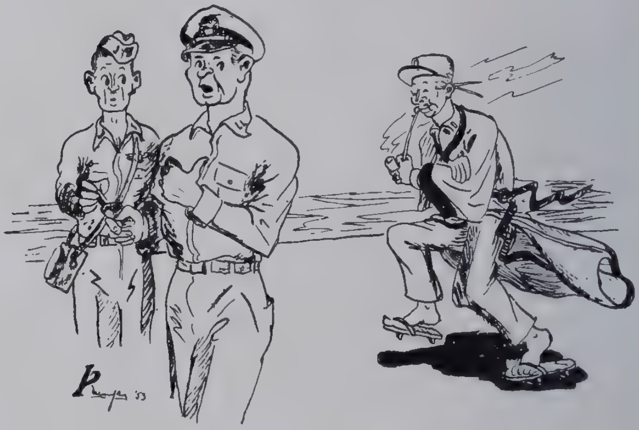
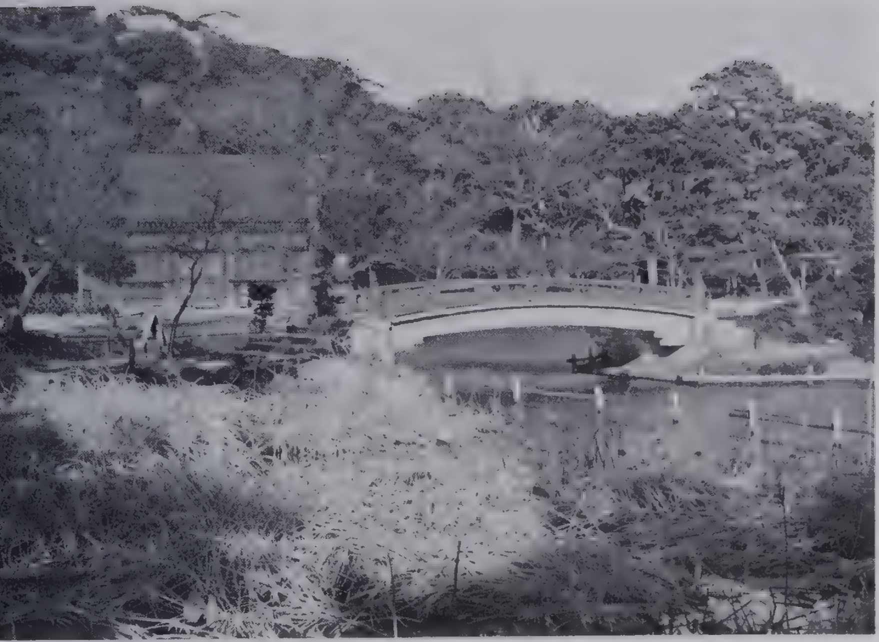


"Oh, you get that way after the fourth cruise."

View

of the



Japanese

countryside

R & R

Birthday away from home

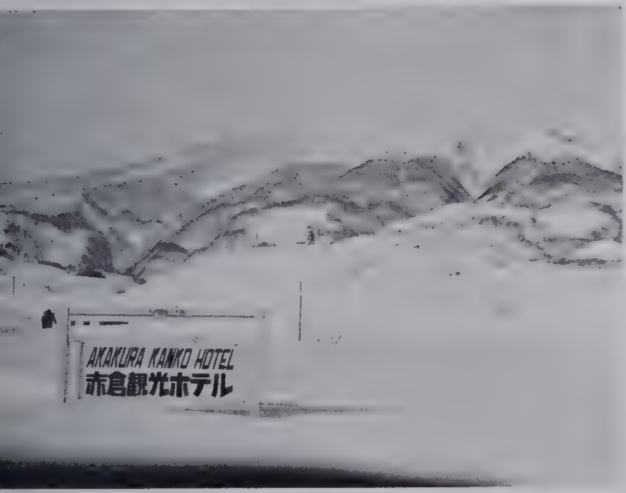
Fujiya Hotel

Mt. Fuji

Buddha of Kamakura

Some took—

R & R leave—


AKAKURA KANKO HOTEL
赤倉観光ホテル

in the mountains—

for skiing—

*and
sightseeing*

B-r-r-r-r!!!

Tourists!!

Winter

They captured our hearts

and

Spring

Points

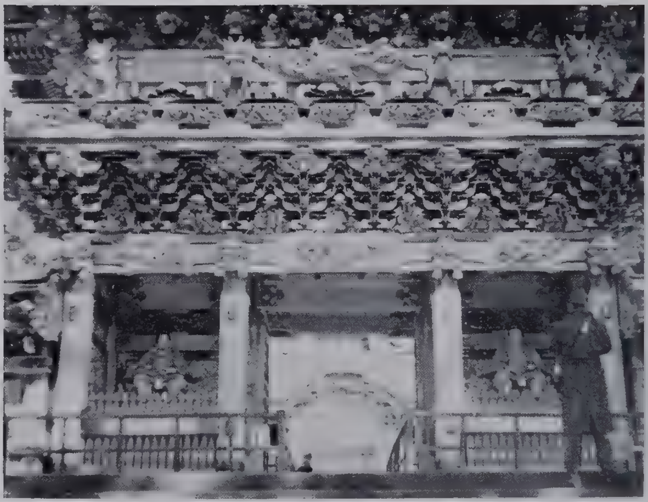
of interest

for

Amatuer Photographers

We visit

some Japanese



shrines

Here we go again

NAVY
NAVY
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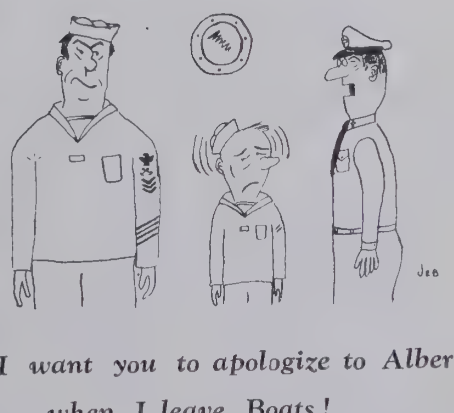
Standing by to launch

Where's the starter button

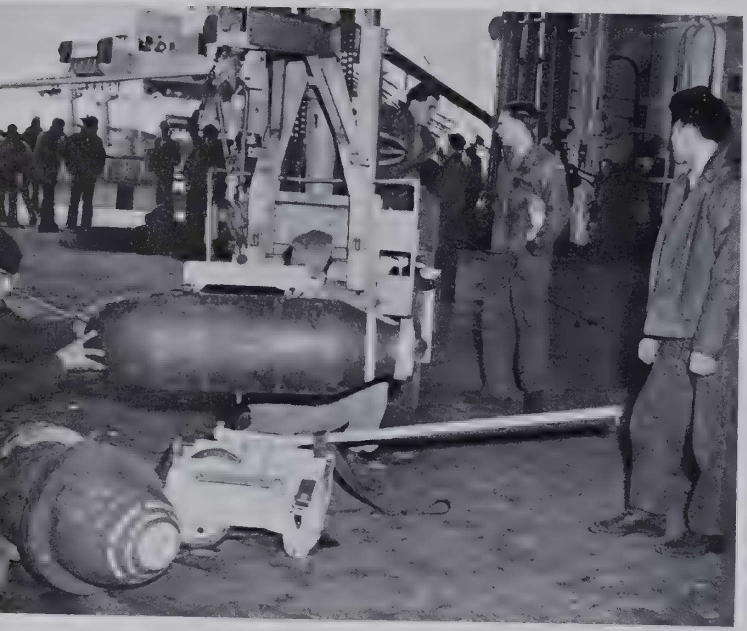
Last Chance Hotel

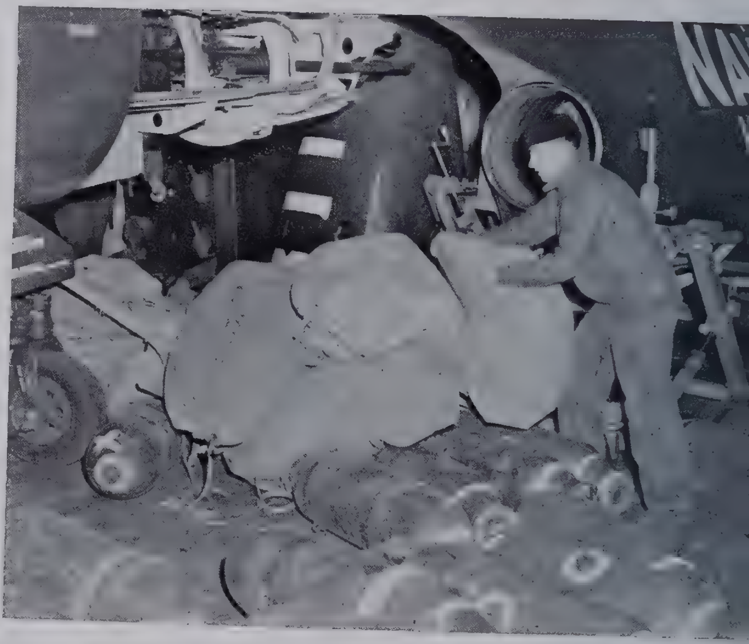
Easy does it!!

All right—get the lead out



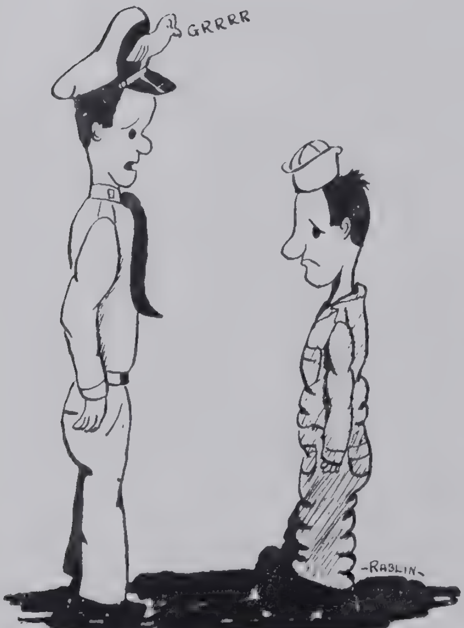
I want you to apologize to Albert, when I leave, Boats!





Refueling

CTF-77 receives guests



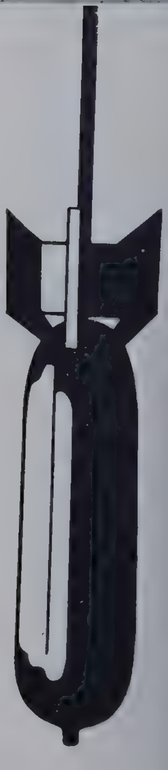
I know you were just being friendly Elwood, but sideboys just don't yell, "Where you from mate" to visiting Admirals.

Vice Admiral E. R. MAINGUY

of the Royal Canadian Navy

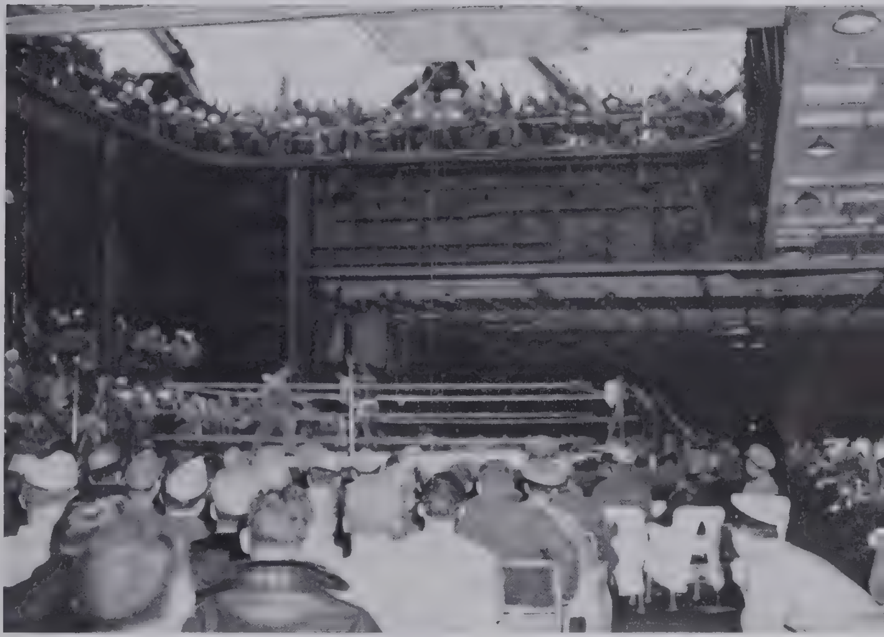
RADM HICKEY, COMCARDIV—5

NAVY
PP
NAVY
9

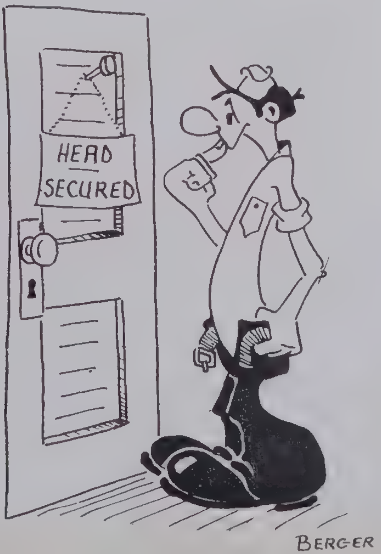


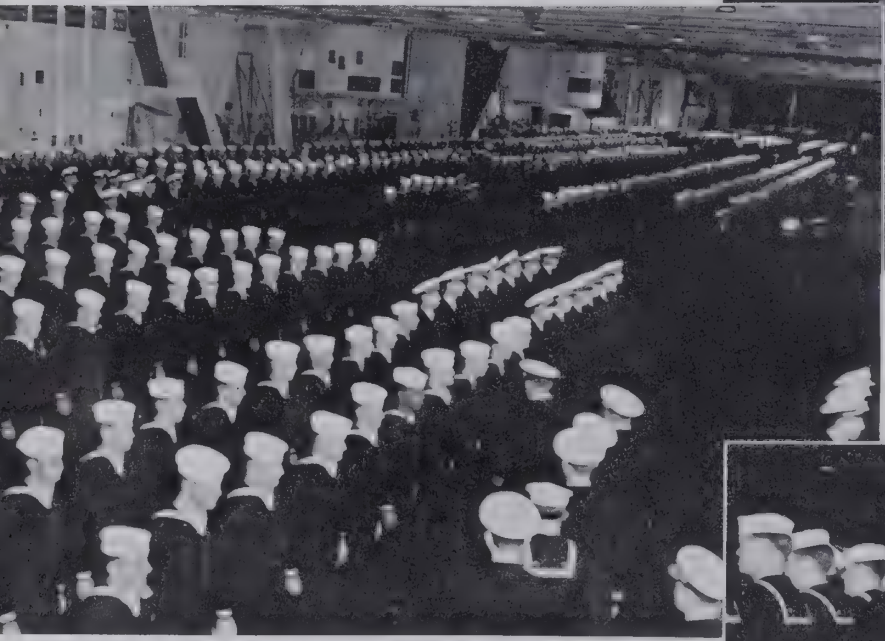
We off-loaded at Sasebo..

and had a smoker...



enroute to Hong Kong.


HEAD
SECURED
BERGER



The Captain says,

"Well Done"

Hong Kong

Victoria Waterfront

Walla-Wallas

香港街 Street

Blake Pier-All ashore!

Rooftops of Hong Kong

A streetcar named "Happy Valley"

Chow time

Pipe them gams!

Kowloon Side

Victoria Street Scene

CABLE AND WIRELESS

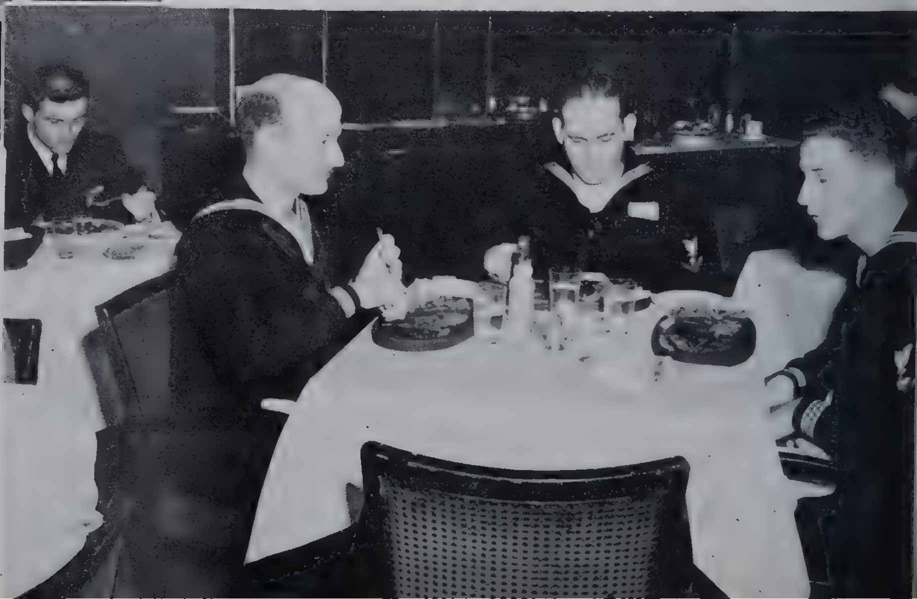
Gloucester Road

Junk

Hong Kong Harbor

Tiger Balm Gardens

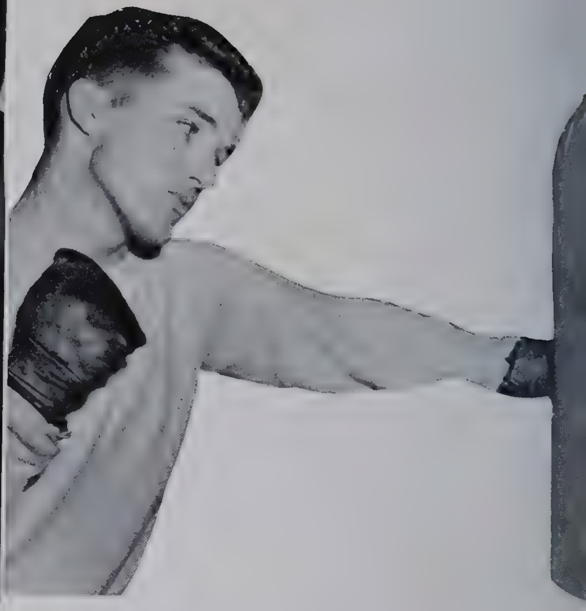
Tourist scenes

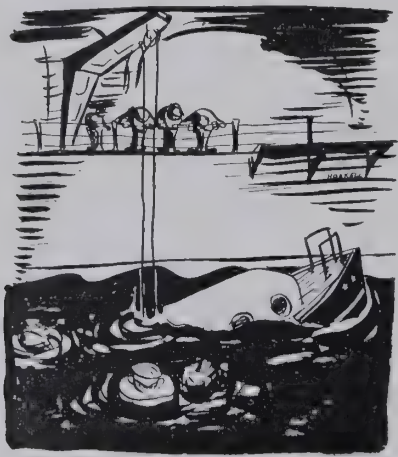


Sports

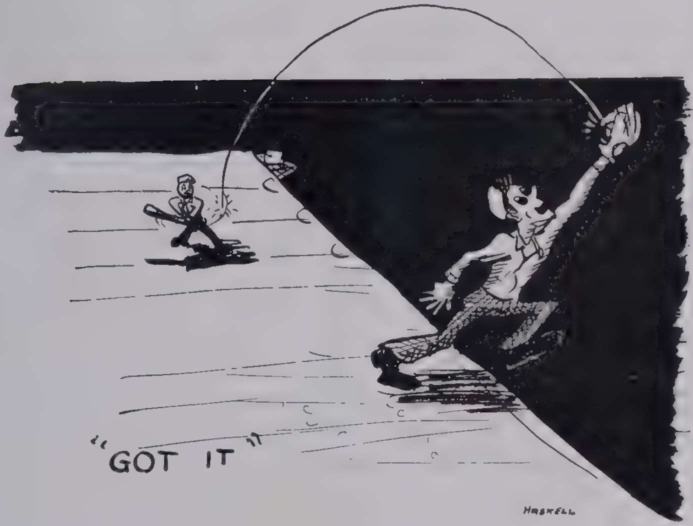
Volleyball championship

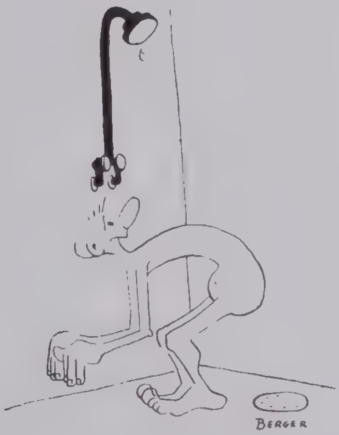
The Champ





WHAT BOAT PLUG ?


"GOT IT"
HASKELL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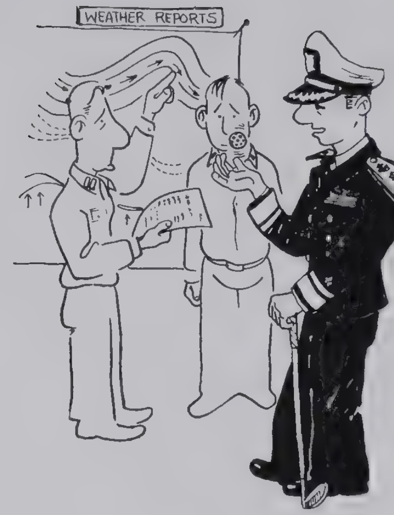

WEATHER REPORTS

"The heck with flying, how will it be for golf?"

LLERS
NO SMOKING

HONG KONG GOLF CLUB

The Valley Forge golf team

Amateur!

Some went for other kinds of sports— -elbow bending.

Daily Newspaper Staff

"Take-Offs" Staff

Protestant Choir

Ship's Band

Miss & Mrs Valley Forge

Miss Valley Forge

Miss Barbara Ann Beaven

sponsored by Herb Beaven, N Division

Miss Diane O'Hagan
sponsored by L. F. Benjamin,
O-A Division

Miss Zelda Palter
sponsored by F. J. Palter,
H Division

Miss Mary C. Seftner
sponsored by E. C. Soggie,
X Division

Miss Gloria Amelia Warren
sponsored by W. R. Ford, Jr.,
V-1 Division

Miss Doris Hefflin
sponsored by R. G. Moore,
O-A Division

Miss Delora Lee Strubber
sponsored by D. W. Strubber,
E Division

Mrs. Valley Forge

Mrs. Weldon R. Crawford

husband in the 4th Division

Mrs. Gene C. Hagburg
husband in V-4 Division

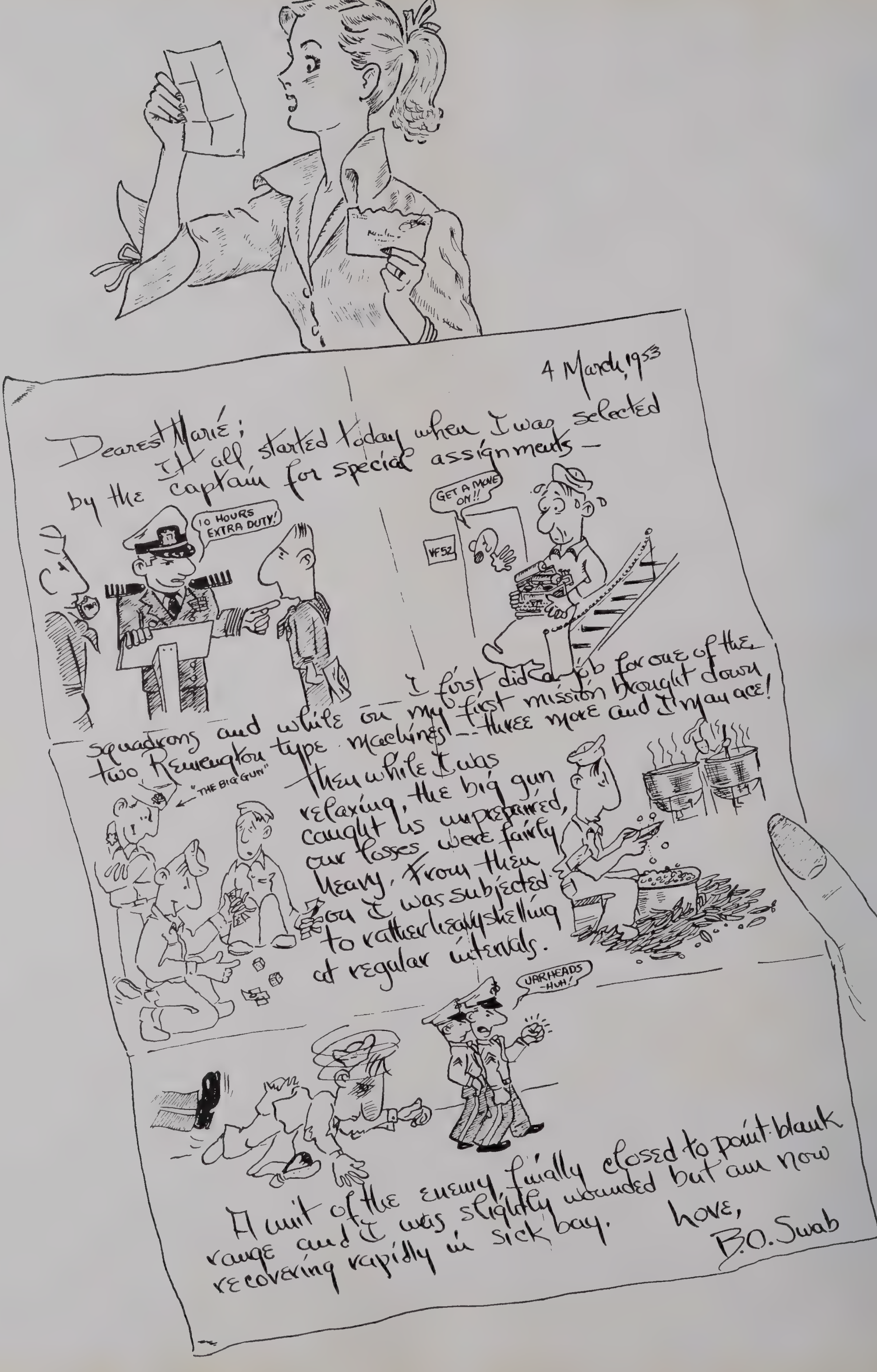
Mrs. Clyde W. Cheek
husband in V-4 Division

Mrs. William J. Kirkman
husband in the 1st Division

Mrs. Bobby R. Tate
husband in O-R Division

Mrs. John A. Crone
husband in E-R Division

Mrs. A. C. Pettit
husband in O-I Division



10 HOURS EXTRA DUTY!
GET A MOVE ON!!
VF52
"THE BIG GUN"
WARHEADS -HUH!

4 March, 1953

Dearest Marié;

It all started today when I was selected by the captain for special assignments —

I first did a job for one of the squadrons and while on my first mission brought down two Remington type machines! — three more and I'm an ace!

Then while I was relaxing, the big gun caught us unprepared, our losses were fairly heavy. From then on I was subjected to rather heavy shelling at regular intervals.

A unit of the enemy finally closed to point-blank range and I was slightly wounded but am now recovering rapidly in sick bay.

Love,
B.O. Swab

Complement

Staff Activities

During most of her fourth Korean tour, the Valley Forge was the flagship of Rear Admiral A. Soucek, USN, Commander Carrier Division THREE. Carrier Division THREE was composed of the USS Valley Forge (CVA-45), the USS Philippine Sea (CVA-47), and the USS Kearsarge (CVA-33). While in the forward area, Rear Admiral Soucek was also Commander, Task Force 77.

Rear Admiral Soucek began his long and distinguished Naval career as a Midshipman during WW I aboard the battleship USS Missouri. He has been a leader in Naval Aviation since he was awarded his wings in 1924, setting world altitude records for seaplanes in 1929, and for land-based aircraft in 1930. During WW II he served as Executive Officer of the carrier USS Hornet (CV-8) from its commissioning until it was lost in the battle of Santa Cruz Islands in October 1942, and was Commanding Officer of the USS Midway (CVA-41) from the time it was commissioned until he was appointed Rear Admiral in March 1946.

RADM Soucek also was a member of the famed "Grey Angels", a trio of flying Admirals who flew jet exhibitions.

This tour, on the Valley, was his second tour of Korean duty as COMCARDIV-3.

Chief of Staff of Carrier Division THREE was Captain B. F. McLeod, USN, who relieved Captain G. K. Fraser, USN, on 9 January 1953. During the early days of the war, the PB2Y patrol plane of which Captain McLeod was plane commander carried Secretary of the Navy Knox and Under Secretary James Forrestal on an inspection tour of the Pacific Bases, and transported other notables in the Pacific combat area. In 1945, he became Executive Officer of the Carrier USS Bunker Hill (CVA-17), and in February, 1946, when promoted to the rank of Captain, he remained on board that carrier to decommission the ship and put her in the Reserve Fleet. He was Commanding Officer of the USS Windham Bay (CVE-92) before assuming duties as Chief of Staff for COMCARDIV-3.

The Staff of COMCARDIV-3 was composed of 25 officers, 58 enlisted men, and 6 enlisted Marines. Three communications security officers and twelve communications technicians were attached while the Flag was in the operating area.

675 Air Dept
Photo Lab

Intelligence report

Staff Marines

"Many Happy Returns"...

Executive Dept.

The Executive Department, acting directly under the supervision of the Executive Officer, was composed of the Administrative Office, Personnel Office, Legal Office, Education Office, Public Information Office, Print Shop, Master-at-arms force and the Chaplain's Office.

The Administrative Office combined the functions of the Captain's Office and the Executive Officer's Office. This office handled the ship's official mail, prepared the plan of the day, originated and promulgated Notices and Instruction issued by the Captain and the Executive Officer and oversaw all the general administrative procedures.

The Personnel Office maintained the service records and index files of the enlisted personnel of this command (some 2,000 of them).

The major function of the Legal Office was the administration of discipline. Everything pertaining to discipline from Captain's Mast to recommendations for General Courts-Martial were handled by this Office. The Legal Office also rendered legal assistance to the crew of the Valley Forge, not only in military matters but civil actions as well.

The Education Office, commonly known as the training room, provided educational advice and opportunities for advancement for all hands.

The Public Information Office was established to keep the American Public informed of the activities and developments of their Navy as far as was consistent with security.

The two chaplains, aside from the spiritual side of their work, were responsible for the ship's recreation program.

The Print Shop handled the tremendous printing needs of the ship ranging from calendars and administrative forms to the ship's weekly paper.

The Master-at-arms force, working under the Chief Master-at-arms, acted as the ship's police force, enforcing the rules and regulations essential to naval discipline.

The Hobby Shop, the Ship's Radio Station, NKEU, and the Athletic Gear Locker also functioned under this hard working department.

CDR Fred E. Bakutis, USN

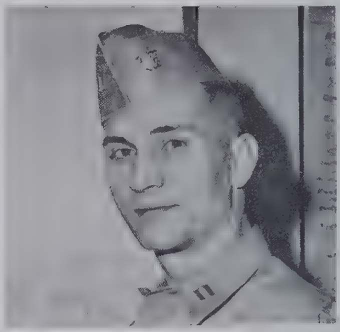
PLAN OF THE DA

Officer of the Deck:
00-04 - LTJG SMITH
04-08 - LT MARSHALL
-12 - LTJG SHAW
12-16 - LTJG COLTON
16-18 - LT WINSLOW

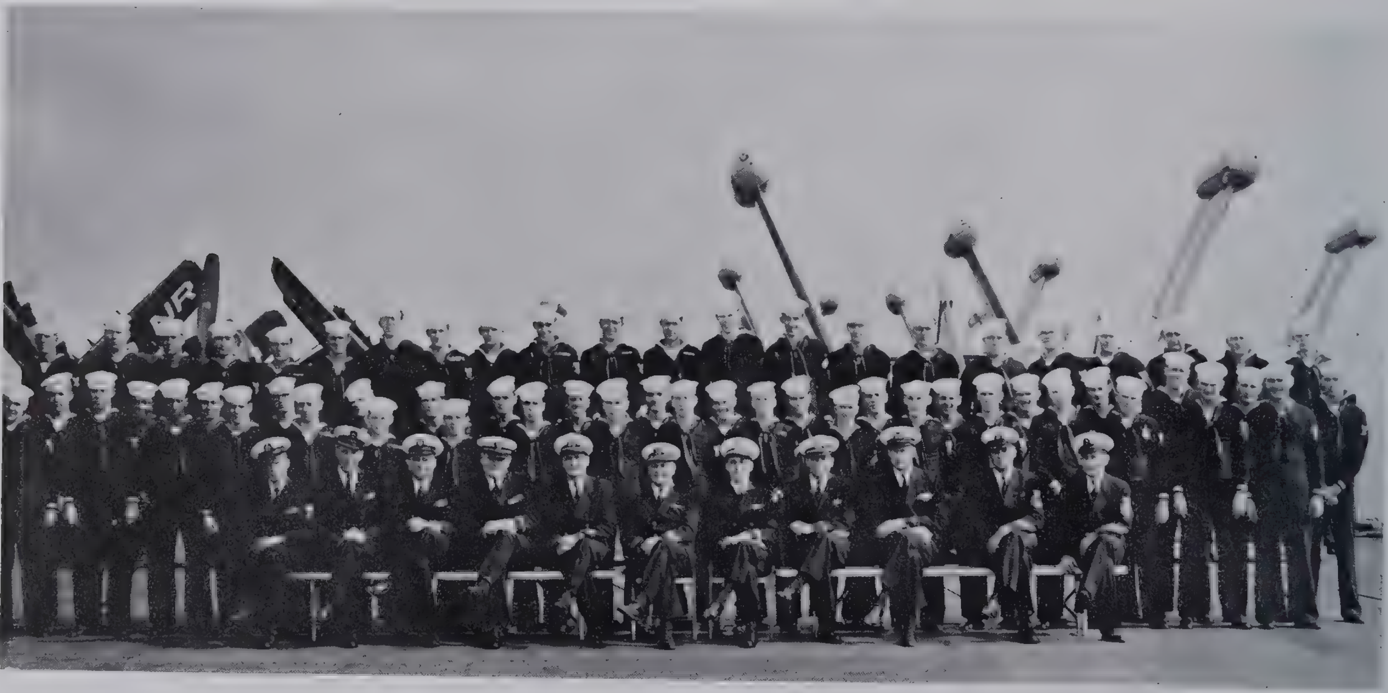
UNIFORM: OFFICERS AND CPO'S -
ENLISTED

Administrative Office—Red Tape Factory

Mr. District Attorney The Legal Office and Staff



"The Authenticator"



X Division

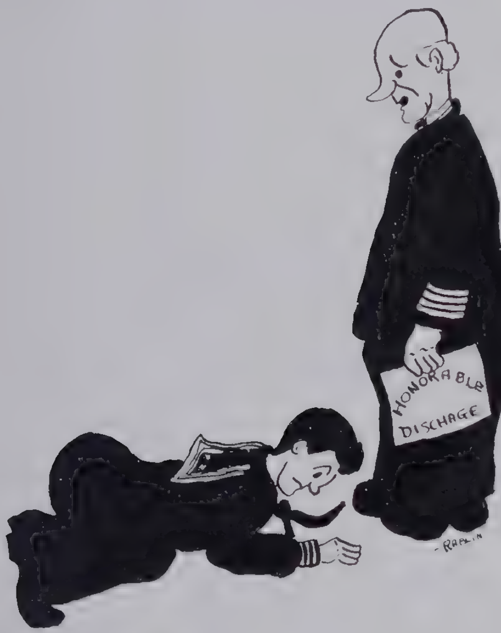
Front Row (l. to r.): Polk, PNCA (T); Meeks, BTC; Hughes, BMC; CHSCLK Trotter; LTJG Keating; CDR Thompson; LT Meyer; LTJG Thomas; SCLK McLeod; Gilette, BMC; Keller, YNC
Second Row (l. to r.): Simon; Reynolds; Clarke; Gerads; Schmidt; Henderson; Reasoner; Denson; Aemisegger; Lowe; Mason; Clark; Russell; Taylor; Kitchens; Brown; Jones; Johnson
Third Row (l. to r.): Haller; Williams; Roaque; Masterman; Loudin; Morgan; Gardner; Gerdes; Schneider; Soggie; Jefferson; Townes; Dupuis; Jones; Mayer; Hughes; Haire; Lloyd
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Merritt; Jorgensen; Umpstead; Poole; Atteberry; Christensen; Browitt; Louie; Bizon; Goodbar; Volinkaty; Andrews; Bartek; Gedz; Kriz; Shenkir; Milstead; Clark; Brown; Kocur; Bradt; Kausler

Captain's Office—

Nothing but Efficiency Ship's Secretary and Staff

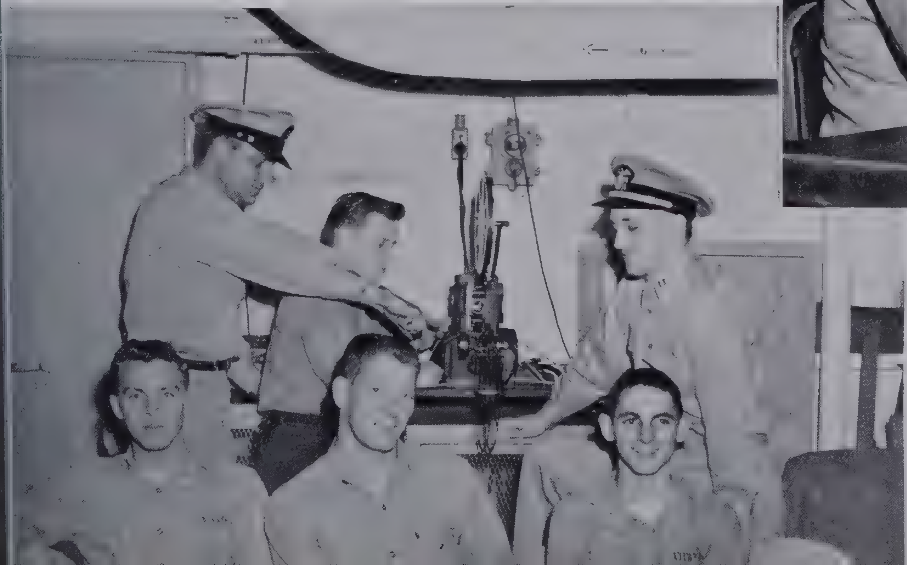
Personnel Office—

DD 93's, Bi-Lingual Cards, Overnight Chits, Requests, etc.



Please Perez, a simple thank you is enough!

Educational office—"Let's show that one again"



Public Information Office—Noses for the news

" Our Father who Art in Heaven-- "

" If we can only slip this new calendar by the Chaplain "

MAA Force—*Height* 5′8″, *Weight* 180, *Eyes—blue, last seen going aft on the mess decks.* GET HIM!

" That's easier than getting a bottle in a ship "

Operations Dept.

The combat operations of an aircraft carrier are huge and complex. They require smooth coordination, and the cooperation of many people. Everyone, in his own way, contributes directly toward the primary mission of the carrier—to deliver destruction to the enemy. But somewhere along the line between " anchors aweigh " in the safety of port, to " Down Fox " on the last operating day ; there is need for a planning—coordinating office. The Operations Department was that office, and Commander Everett M. Link, USN, was the head of the department.

Commander Link was assisted in the administration of his department by three sub-heads ; the Air Operations Officer, the Communicator, and the CIC Officer. They in turn, oversaw the five divisions of Operations. The OA division ran the Ops Office, furnished the ship's weather information and air intelligence. They also developed the air photos and interpreted the photo-reconnaissance information. From Air Operations they controlled the aircraft around the ship.

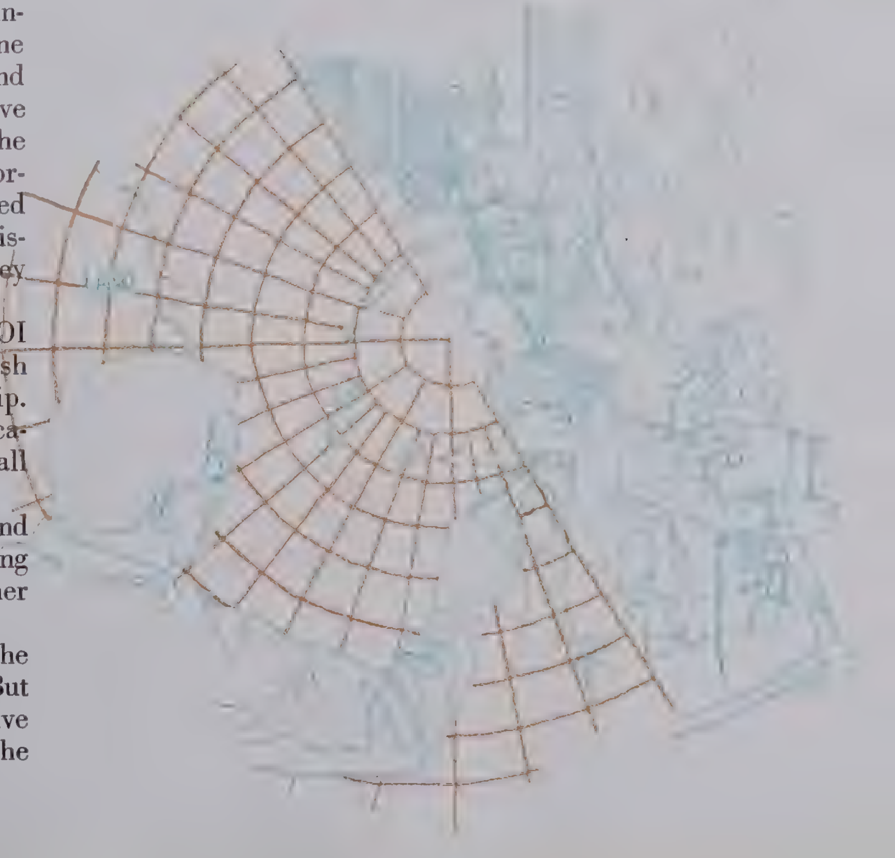
The OL division, the lookouts, and the OI division, the radarmen in CIC, combined to furnish the visual and electronic surveillance for the ship.

The OR division handled all radio communications and coordinated the internal routing of all messages sent and received.

The OS division, the visual signalers, sent and received messages by semaphore and by flashing the flag hoists which indicated intentions to other ships in company with us.

These were the visible manifestations of the Operations Department's responsibilities. But necessary too, were the preparation of extensive reports, the collection of many records, and the planning of each day's effort.

CDR Everett M. Link, USN



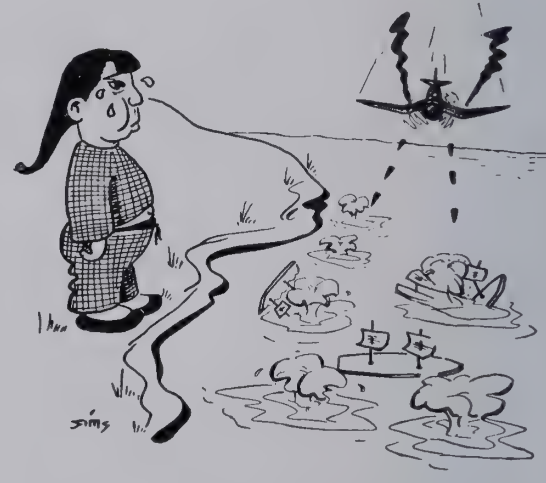
O-A DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Cates; Zolman; Moore; Luttrell; Stone; Watkins; Johnson; McPhillips; Staskiewicz; McCoy; Pheasant; St. George; Mock; McCluskey; Lipschultz; Vaughan

Second Row (l. to r.): Ravenscroft; Jean; Arford; May; Scherer; LT Loll; PHOT Ahlin; LT Herman; LT Vorse; LT Teal; LT Spell; Benjamin, AGCA(T); Schwalbe; Sparks; Wilson; Cruze

Third Row (l. to r.): Kappler; Devlieger; Piboin; McIntyre; Mitchell; Miller; Magnuson; Sims; Kessinger; Otting; Howell; Lillie; Bailey; Dahrens; Howard; Shaw; Brock; Sullivan; Frazier

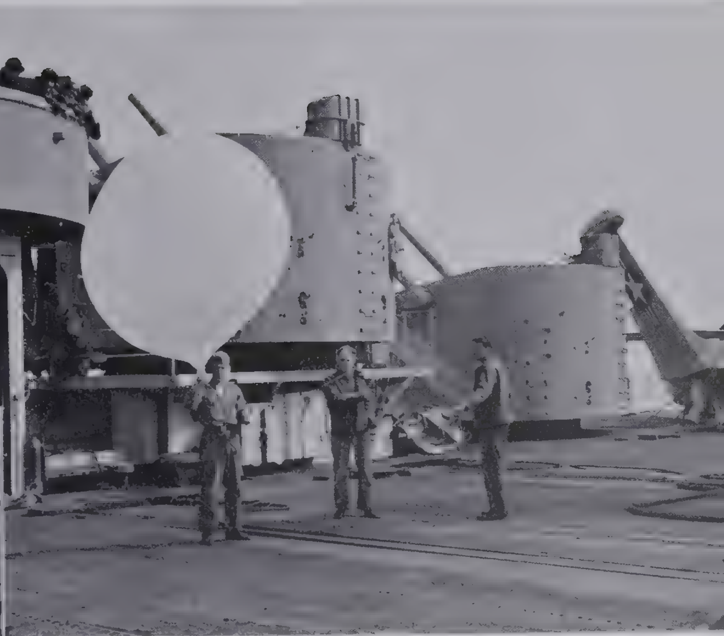
Photo Interpretation



"Several small boats destroyed!"

CDR. H.L. SALYER, USN, *Air Operations Officer*

"...this is the Operations Officer"



Aerology Balloon

Weather Guesser

"...Your signal, Charlie"

"This is Cherry Tree, over"

Air controller and associated radar reporters

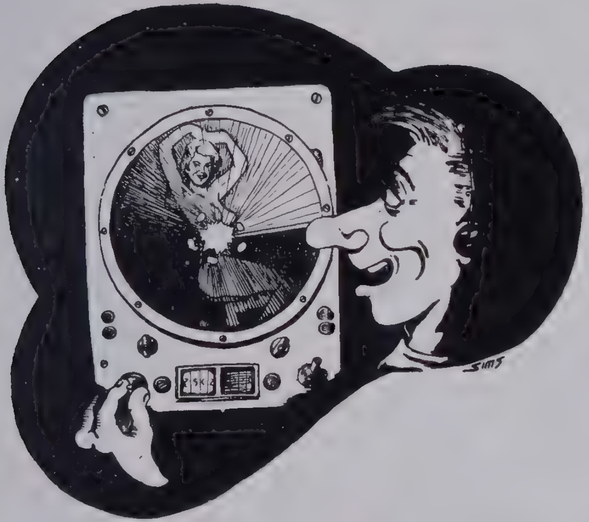
Surface Watch Officer and plotters

Ship's, Flag, and Gunnery CIC Watch Officers

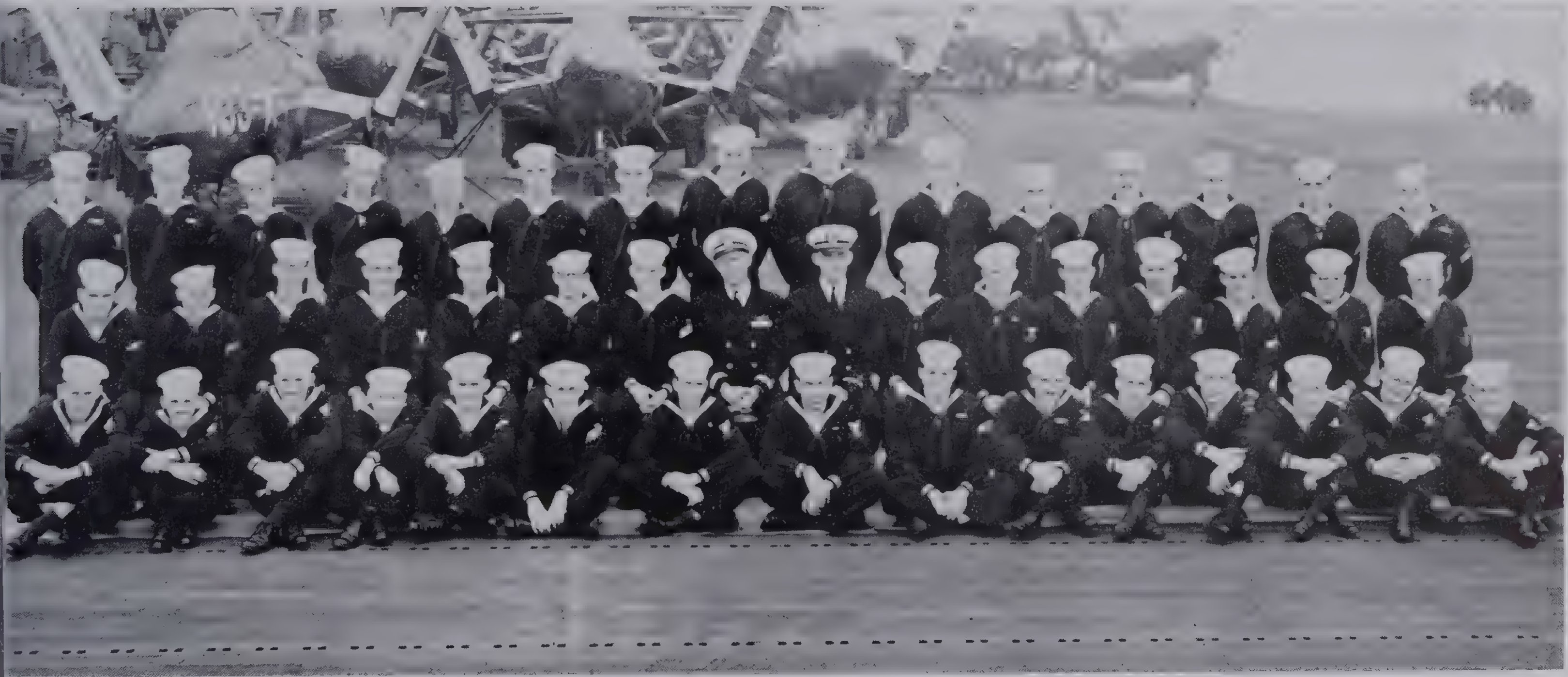
(Rear View)

Plotting the air contacts

Ship's, Flag and Gunnery CIC Watch Officers (Front view)



Division Routine

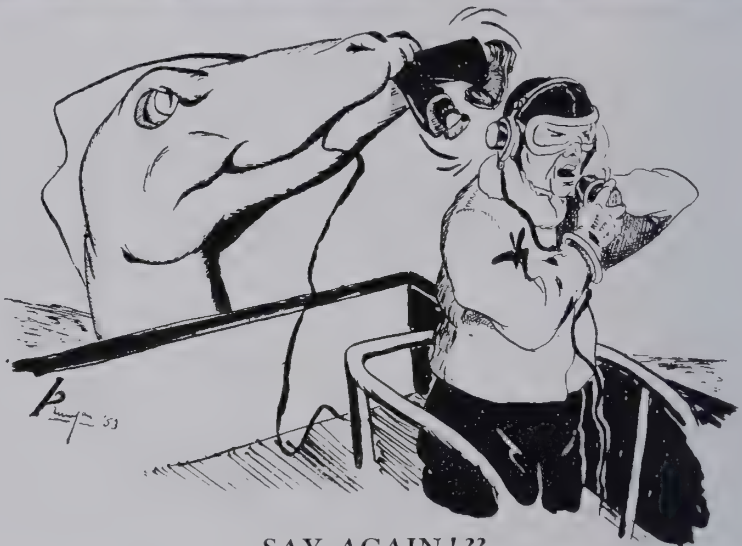


O-I DIVISION

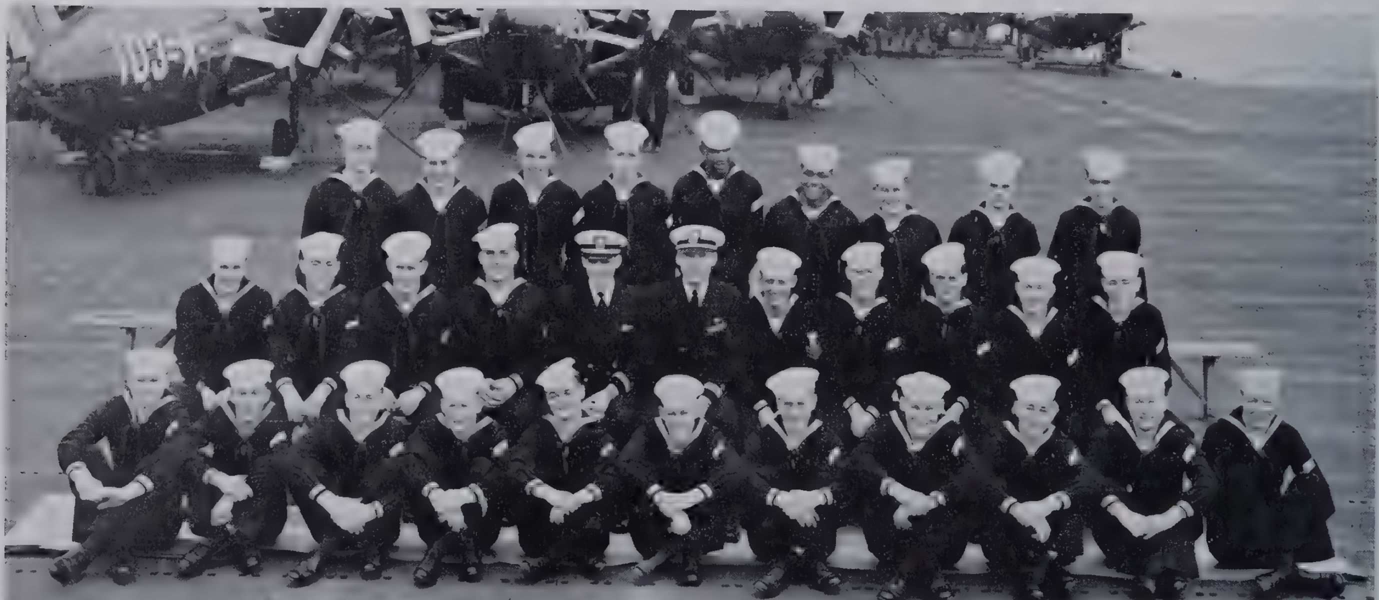
Front Row (l. to r.): Vetter; Johnson; Crater; Adkins; Pansic; Airens; Crews; Horne; Ferrera; Bashaw; Rowe; Fisher; Johnston; Merryman; Pettit

Second Row (l. to r.): Fitzgerald; Thorne; Chan; Meyer; Jewett; Alspaugh; Jolliff; LT Coleman; ENS Engberg; Chaney; MacDonald; Pettit; Miller; Jones; Mattox; White

Third Row (l. to r.): Scott; Filbert; Kelly; King; Johnson; Hulton; McIntyre; Miller; Adams; Robertson; Brandenburg; King; Truett; Tucker; Rossi

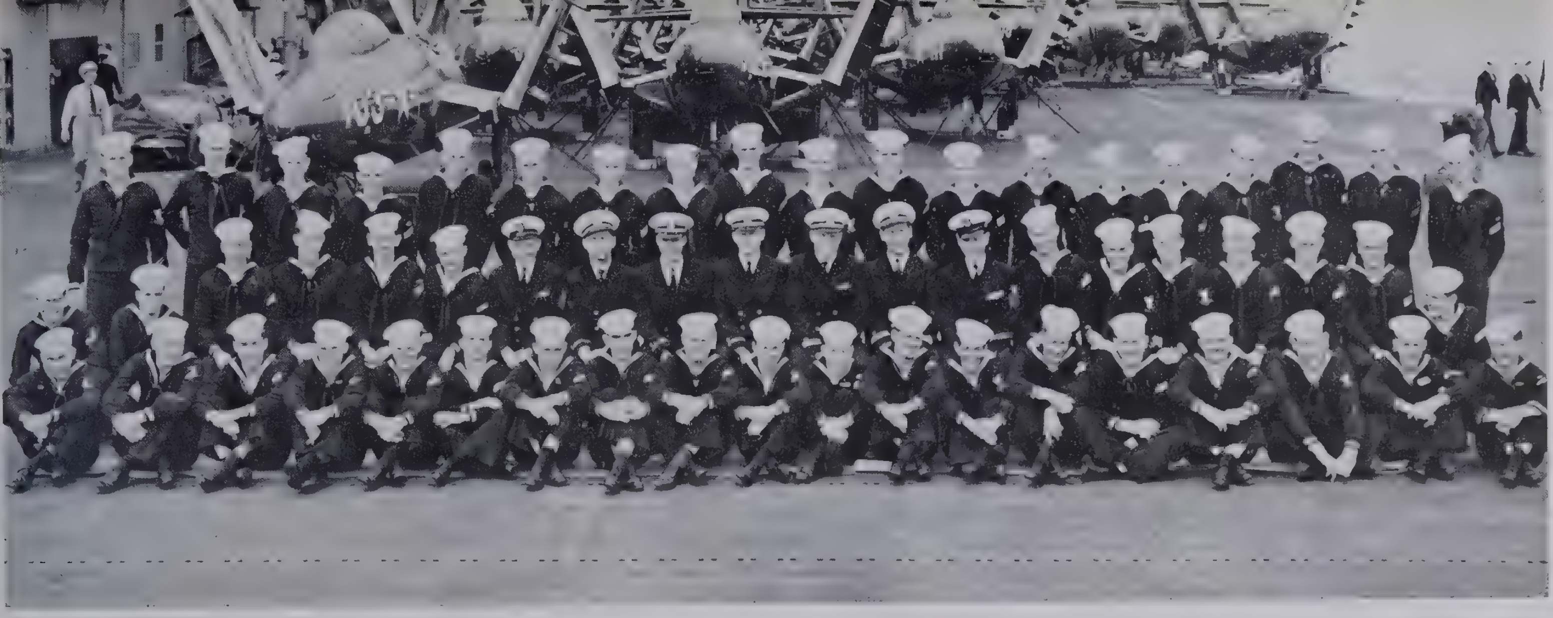


SAY AGAIN!??



O-L DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Long; Huddleston; Woirhaye; Wilson; Frey; Smith; Torgerson; Black; Beydler; Dotson; Lindeman
Second Row (l. to r.): Castor; Parker; Coley; Rose; LTJG Wilson; LT Fulton; Salveti; Martin; Jordan; Tennyson; Fletcher
Third Row (l. to r.): Lockhart; Delcambre; Lacour; Ward; Rule; Rounds; Brock; Cagle; Dimas



O-R DIVISION

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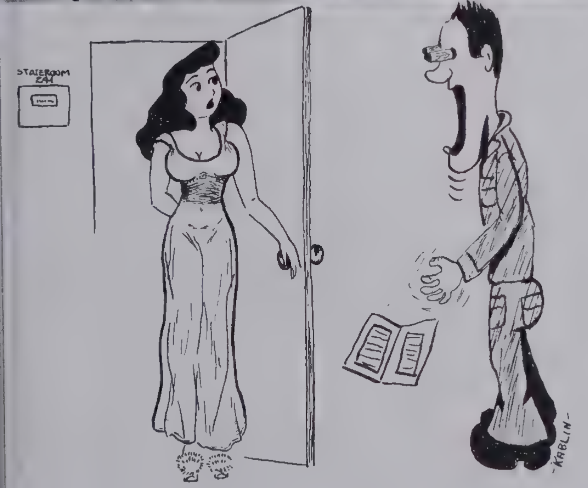
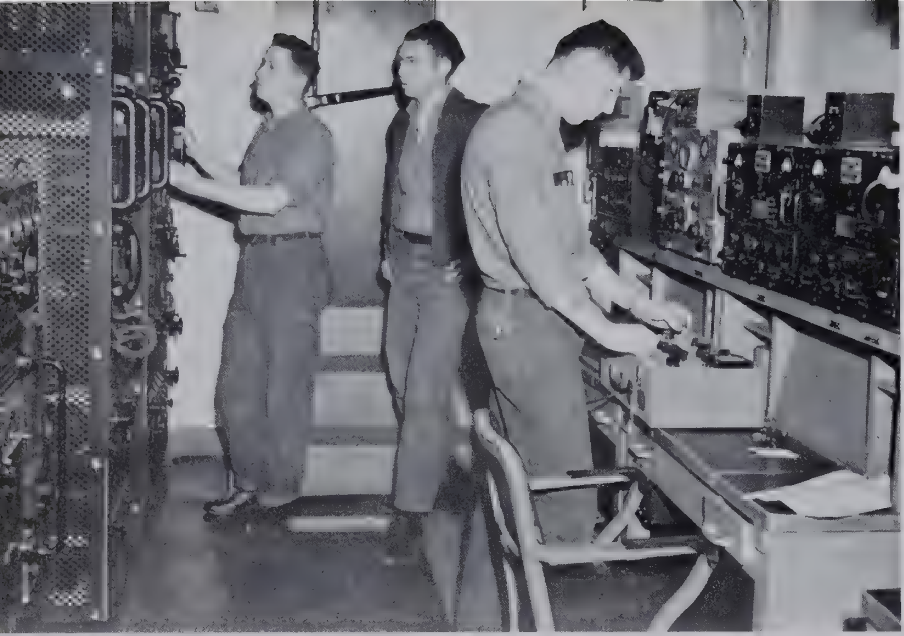
Second Row (l. to r.): Dear, Pastore; Barclay; Letchworth; Trotter; Canada; Casey, RMC; ENS Hill; ENS Summit, ENS Luers; LTJG Thompson; LTJG Plessas; Weil, RMC; Tate; Hudson; Brannon; Malloy; Dellamora; Wisehart; Johnson
Third Row (l. to r.): Hynosky; Bush; Blessing; Woods; Vessey; Munsinger; Albee; Sykes; Moore; Junkins; Nelson; Edwards; Chambers; Cogdell; Goins; Edwards; Gregory; Bryant; Szelangowski



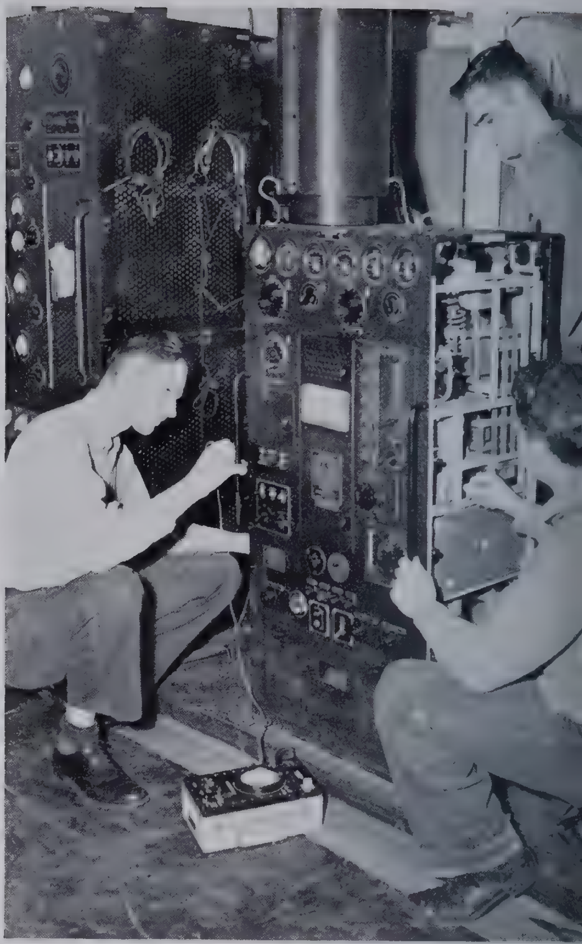
Dispatches sir—yipes!



Radio Three

Head Communicator — LCDR Mal Smith

c/o Fleet Post Office



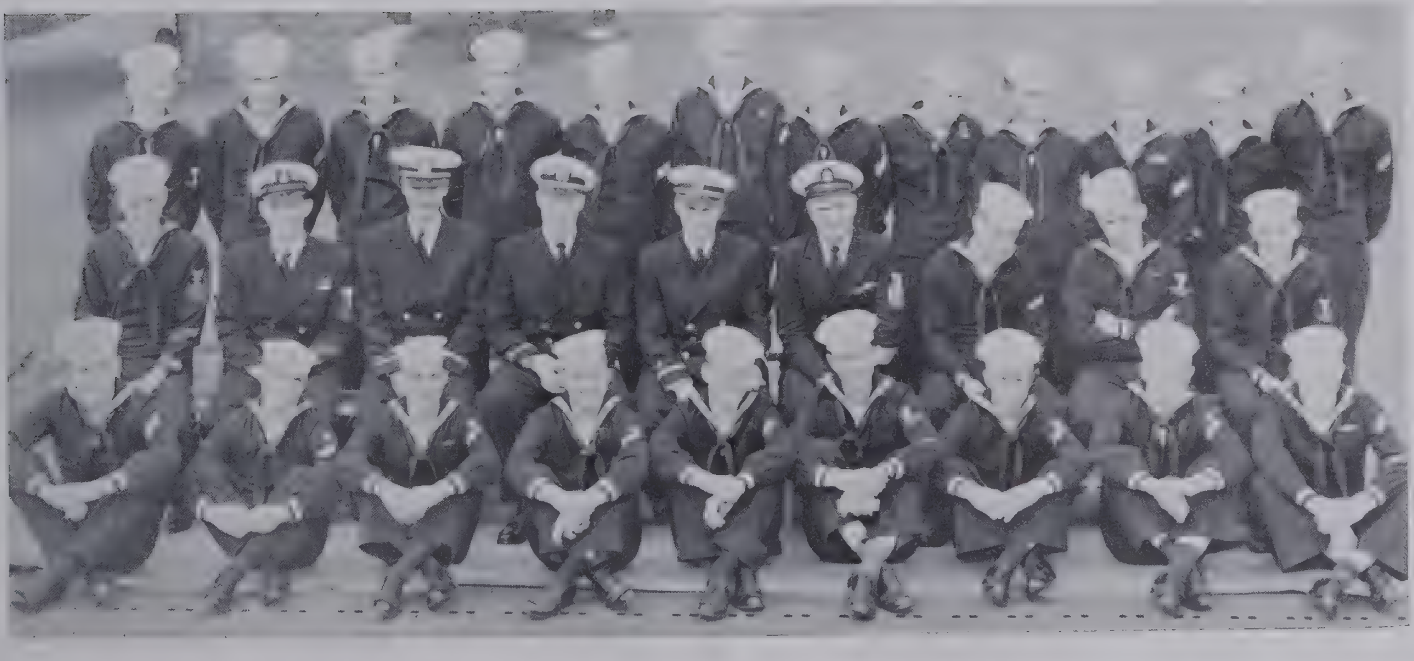
Radio Transmitter

"Long Distance......"

"Skivvie Waver"

Signalmen and flagbags

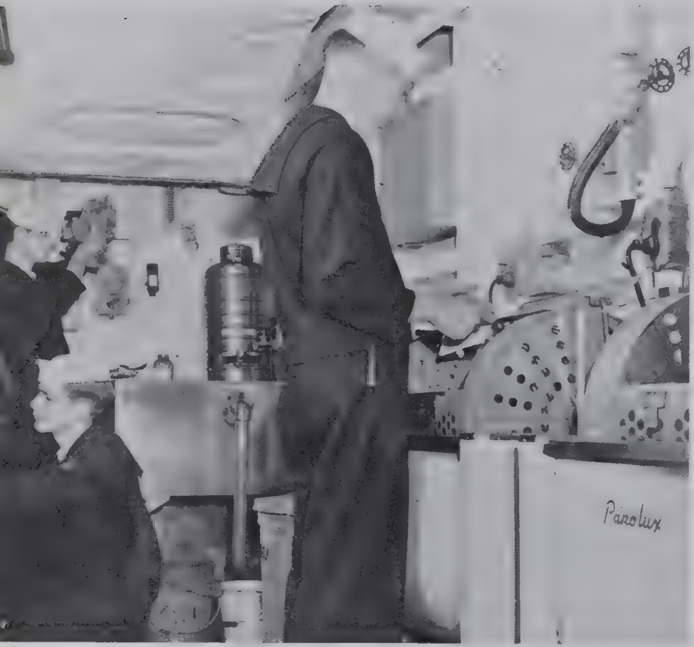
Sending and receiving "flashing light"



O-S DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Jacek; Dunn; Hinds; Gray; Jarrell; McPherson; Howard; Mayo; Gainer
Second Row (l. to r.): Haney; Fore, QMC; ENS Kirk; ENS Newman; ENS La Moy; Heinz, QMC; Summerow; Casey; Pola
Third Row (l. to r.): Pinson; Villa; Ward; Ward; De Larm; Fick; Masterson; Mallory; Vaughn; Watkins; Cottrell; Brumley

A "Well Done" to the Photographers. They found time in their heavy operational schedule to "shoot" hundreds of pictures for this book. Even during liberty hours, they were on the beach, in the air, around the ship, taking all types of pictures. If any one effort resulted in the success of this book, it was the photography.



Gunnery Dept.

LCDR *Carlson, USN*

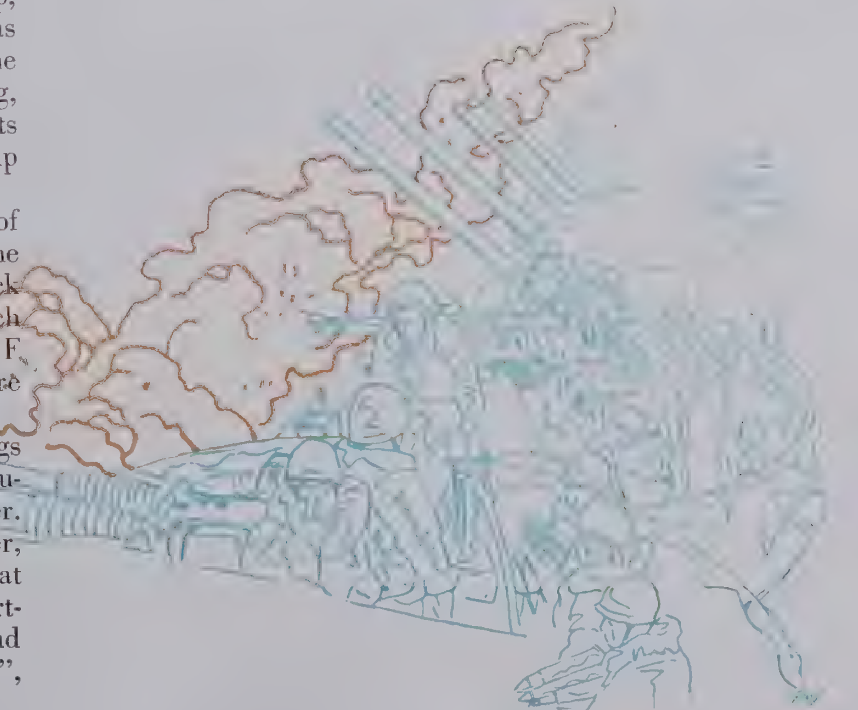
The gunnery department had two main functions, with only twenty-four hours a day to perform them. The first and primary duty of the department was to man the ship's five-inch and forty-millimeter batteries, defending the ship from those MIGS which might have evaded the air patrols.

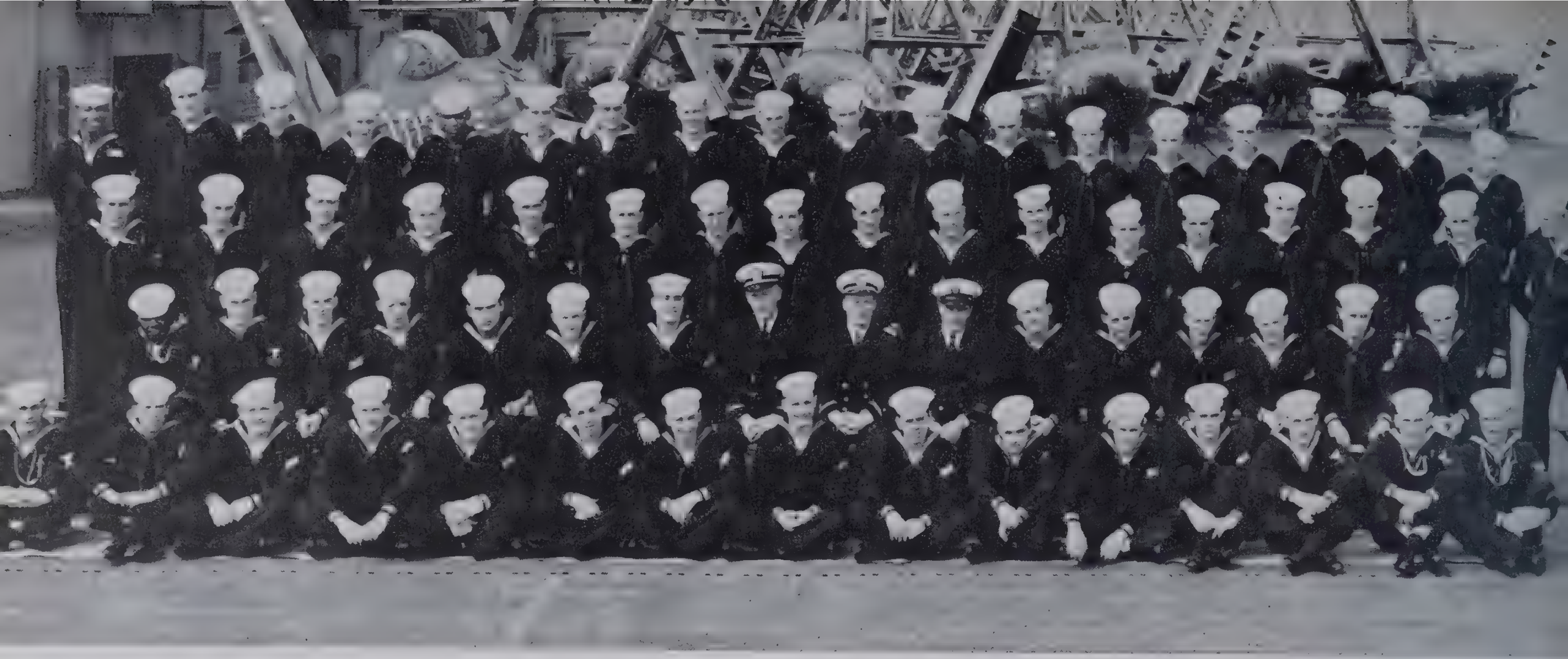
Of course, there was more to gunnery than standing watches. The guns had to be ready to fire at any time which meant constant unrelenting work—greasing, cleaning, checking, and repairing to say nothing of the care magazines, loading rooms and hoists demanded.

The second main function of the department evolved from the ancient art of deck seamanship, with a tradition extending back almost as far as the memory of man. Today the bos'n's and the deck force man their stations for mooring, anchoring, and replenishing. They maintained the ship's boats and ladders, and kept the exterior of the ship clean.

Administratively, the department consisted of five divisions plus the Marine detachment. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th divisions were the deck divisions pre-eminent; the first had the five-inch batteries, while the latter had the forties. The F division was a specialist outfit concerned with fire control equipment and the magazines.

The line separating the gunnery deck gangs was fairly rigid, but in major departmental evolutions it ended and all smoothly worked together. Whether it was replenishing, refueling a destroyer, transferring personnel by hi-line, or tying up at North Island, the 450 men of the gunnery department were on the job, and when the last bos'n had shaken his head gruffly and growled "secure!", then, friend, the ship was really "Seecure!"





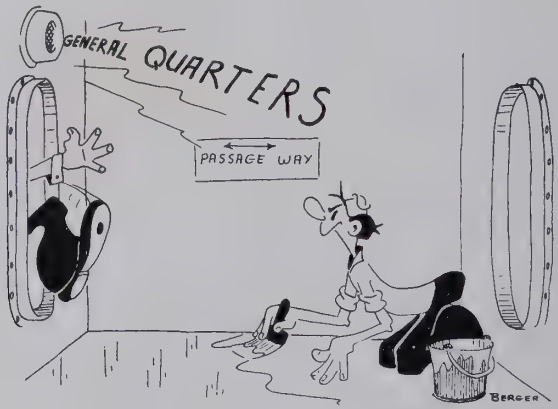
1st DIVISION

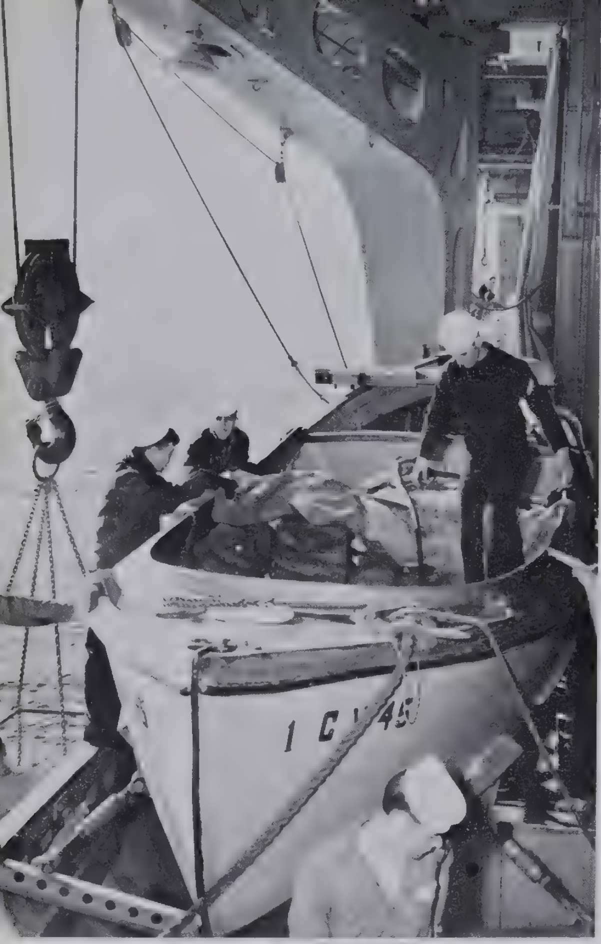
Front Row (l. to r.): Gregorich; Terronez; Turner; Lingo; Quimby; Hayes; Hayes; Bona; Tindall; Morningstar; Qualls; Todd; McKeag; Hill; Powell

Second Row (l. to r.): Ruffin; Leventon; Makowski; Newman; Oslagado; Nelson; Carter; ENS Kirkman; ENS Ford; Hemphill, BMC; Lutz; Cordero; McCrary; Hale; Mauldin; Streich

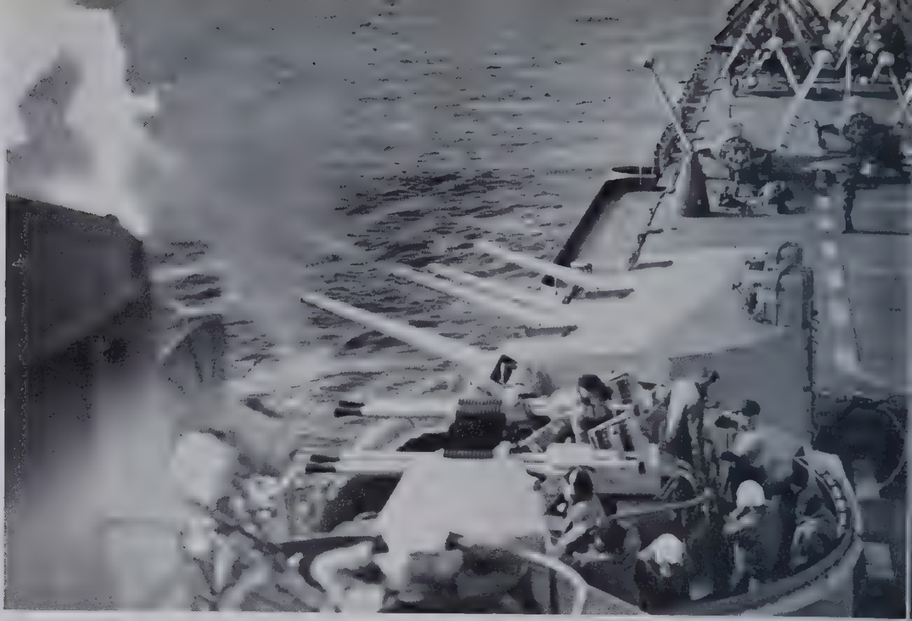
Third Row (l. to r.): Smeller; Kappes; Thomas; Clark; Avery; Bennett; Smith; Grisson; George Duval; Dunn; Marion; Barner; Purin; Caudill; Monerief; Inman; Heeney

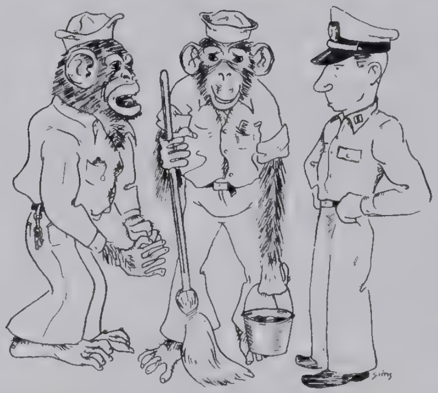
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Newton; Rector; Sears; Teagle; Fox; Carter; Russell; Ridgway; Wright; Croom; Kelley; Croom; Windham; Hackett; Hoffman; Weeks; Milam; Johns



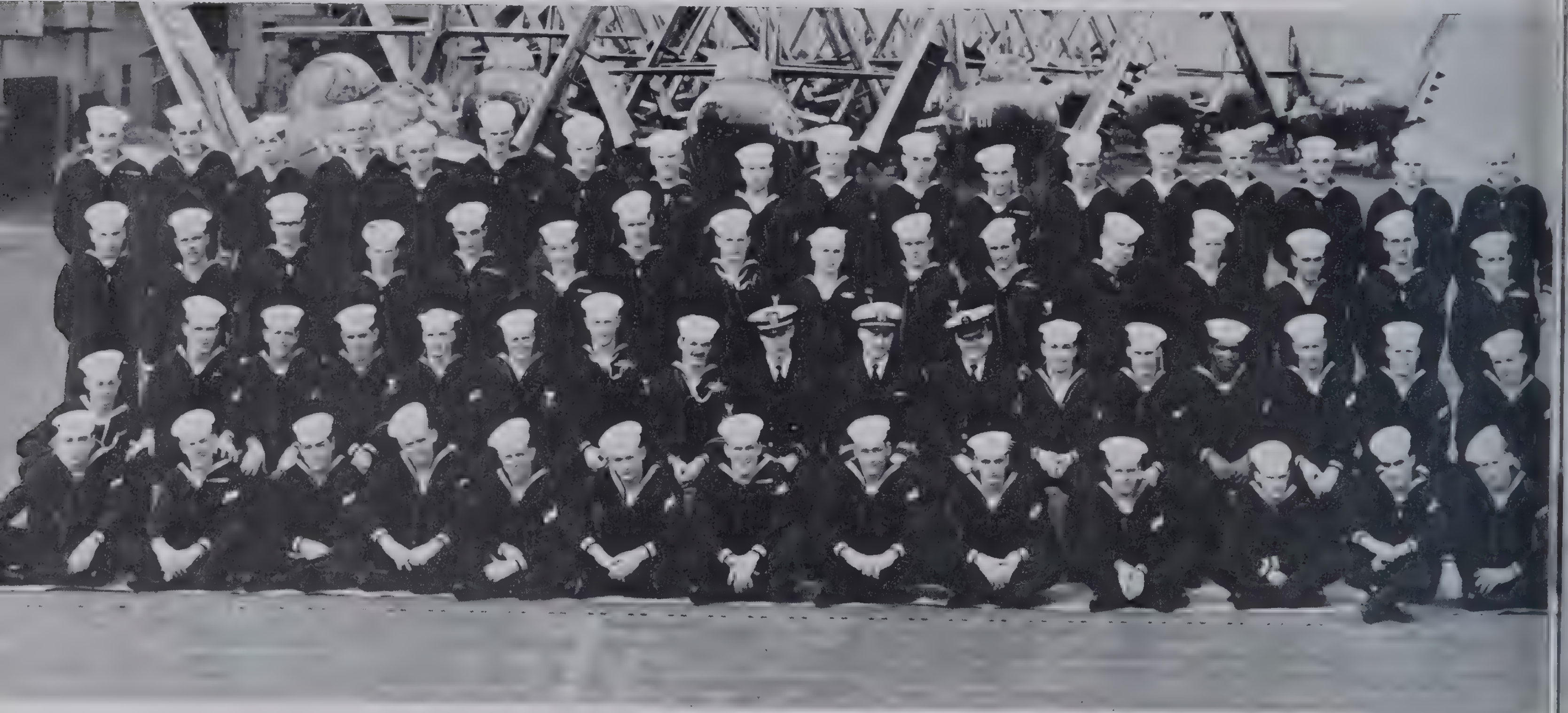


"Away, Number One Motor Whaleboat"





"...and we just figured a change from the deck division might do us both good!"



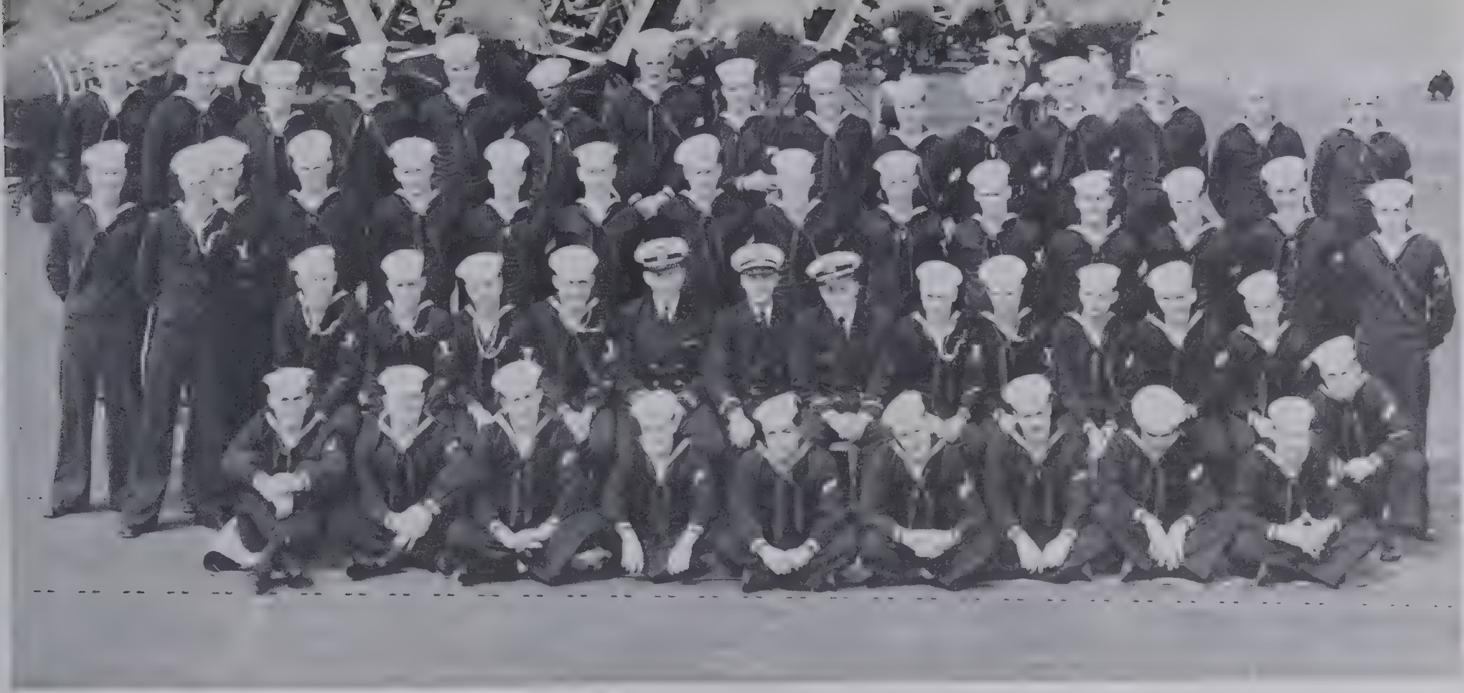
2nd DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Montoya; Blevins; Quintana; Sizemore; Hoxit; Romine; Bennett; Hixson; Conrtade; Goojlett; Kennemore; Labree; Ganey

Second Row (l. to r.): Ausmus; Lowery; Harris; Van Stone; Searcy; Williams; Buckly; ENS Drummond; LTJG Haskell; Hamler, BMC; Gallego; Croteau; Frazier; Shannon; Cornier; Johnson

Third Row (l. to r.): Marks; Clark; Wood; Cox; Benton; Stephens; Moody; Buford; Hogenmihler; Ellis; Tiller; Boydston; Mullins; Pryor; Eady; Garrison

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Robson; Ford; Schavers; Smith; Thaller; Fitzgearald; Mahan; Estacio; Bantz; Federick; Davis; Harness; Davis; Walden; Liss; Wilder; Rice



3rd DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Bates; Lemay; Johnson; Anderson; Avila; Robison; Deyo; Rollins; Mitchell

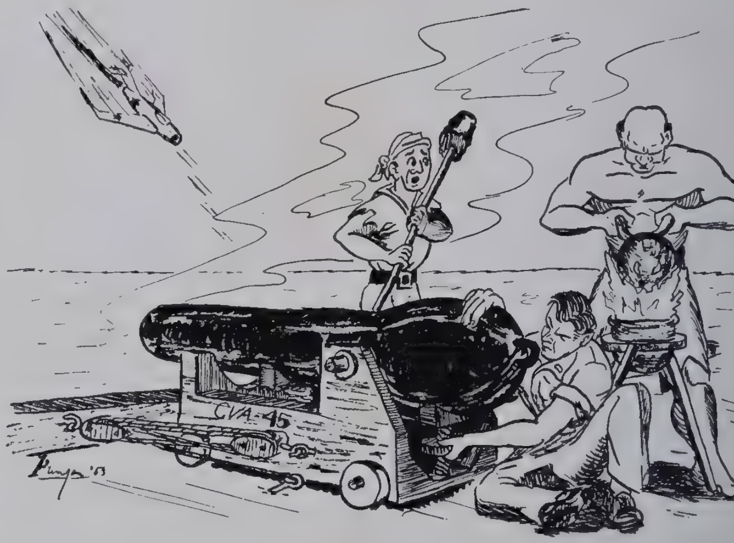
Second Row (l. to r.): Temte; Fletcher; Stinson; Schoening; Andrews; LTJG Henderson; ENS Hildebrandt; ENS Horne; Rayls; Kuehl; Teague; Maass; Wright; Cone

Third Row (l. to r.): McComb; Patterson; Roller; Guffey; Copeland; Kidd; Alexander; Williams; Cheshire; Vincent; Mitchell; Coker; Hauck; Oprian

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Moss; Miller; Muckridge; Pittman; Fling; Saltes; Foster; Counterman; Jeffcoat; Gardner; Merrion; Defourneaux; Reaves; Campbell; Wildey

4th DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Whitehouse; Warren; Parham; Croft; Danner; Nolan; Adams; Curley; Foster; Loe; Woodall
Second Row (l. to r.): Magatutu; Springer; Faulkerson; Parduci; Taylor; Rowe; ENS Jarvis; LTJG Angle; ENS Crawford; Langley; Thompson; Thompson; Ellison; Scott
Third Row (l. to r.): Lebek; Gilbert; Carney; Cheshire; Wells; Cheshire; Hoover; Carter; Yates; Hayes; Parrish; Smith; Cullins
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Hora; Booker; Desrocher; York; Beneke; Beachler; Turner; Hogan; Robinson; Latino; Pierce; Darby; Faulkner; Butler; Stalnaker; Moses



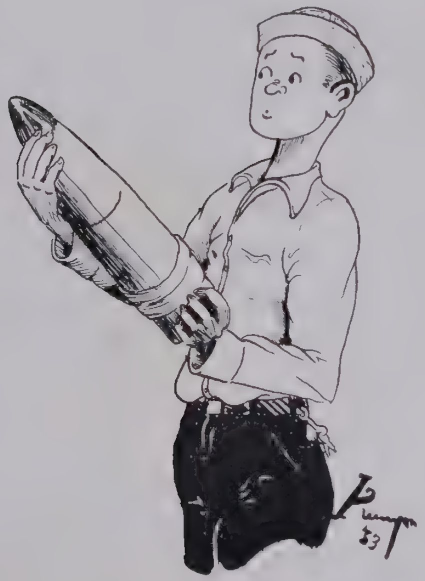
Isn't the VALLEY about due for conversion?

Firing Run Astern

Stretcher Transfer

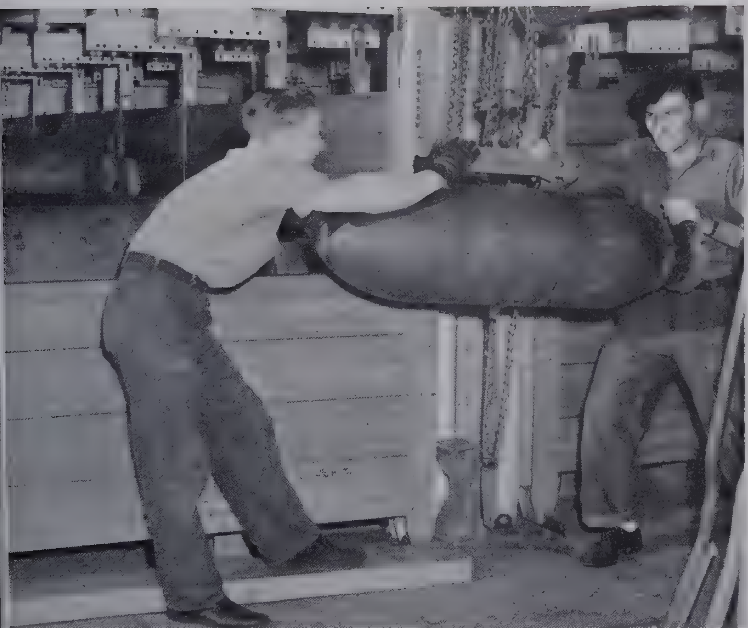
Hong Kong Liberty?

Warning Magenta



Tick! Tick!

Harrumph!

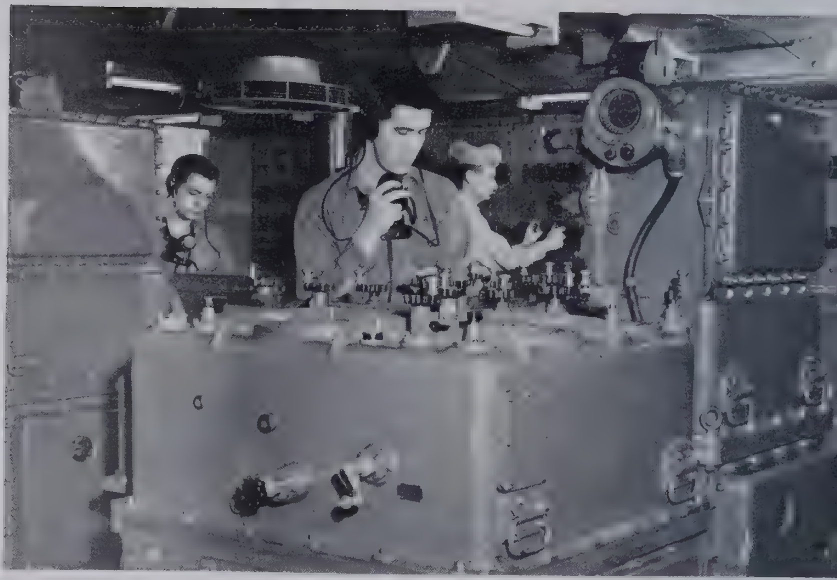


Easy does it!

Easter Eggs!

Director

Armory



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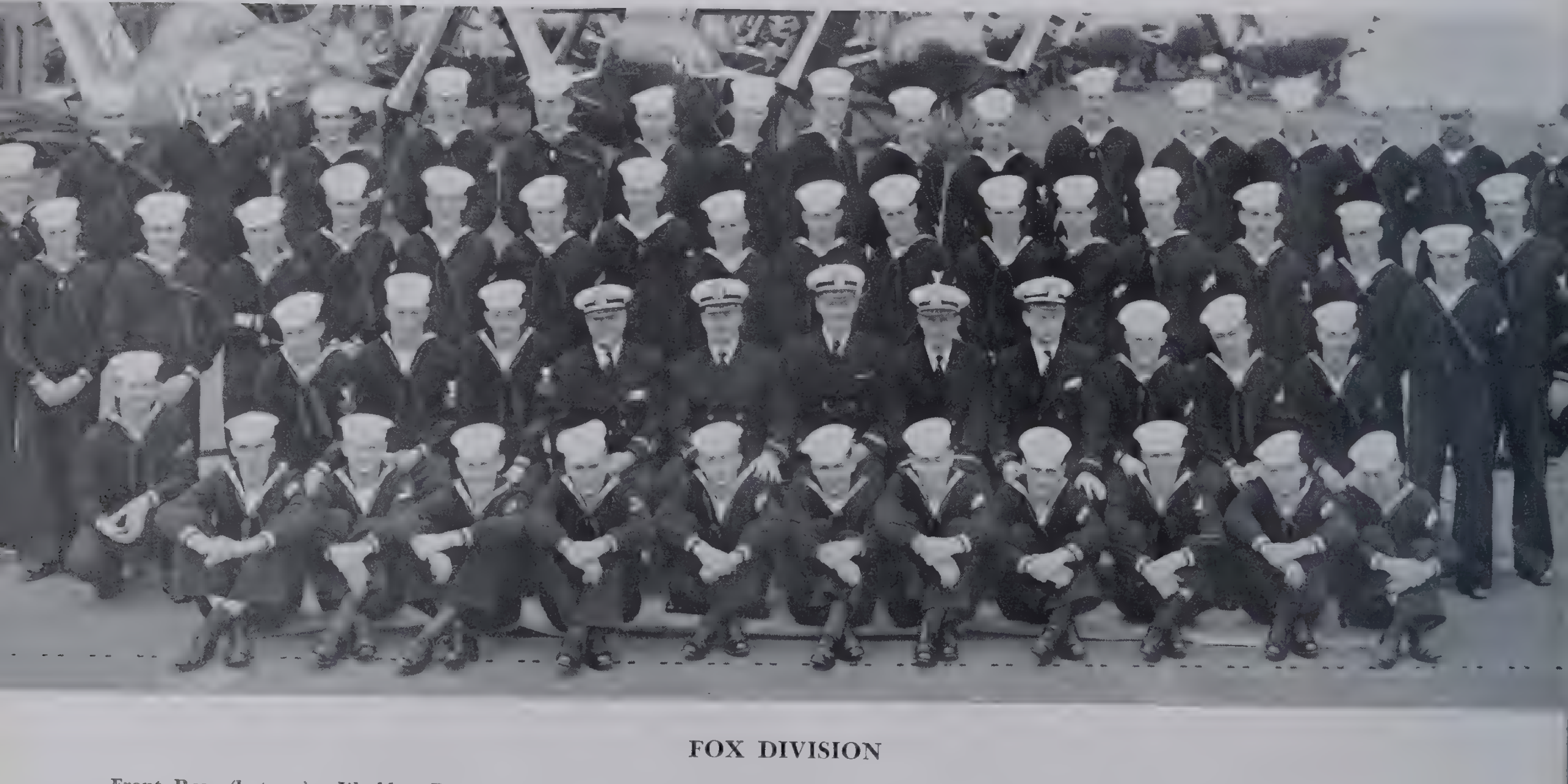


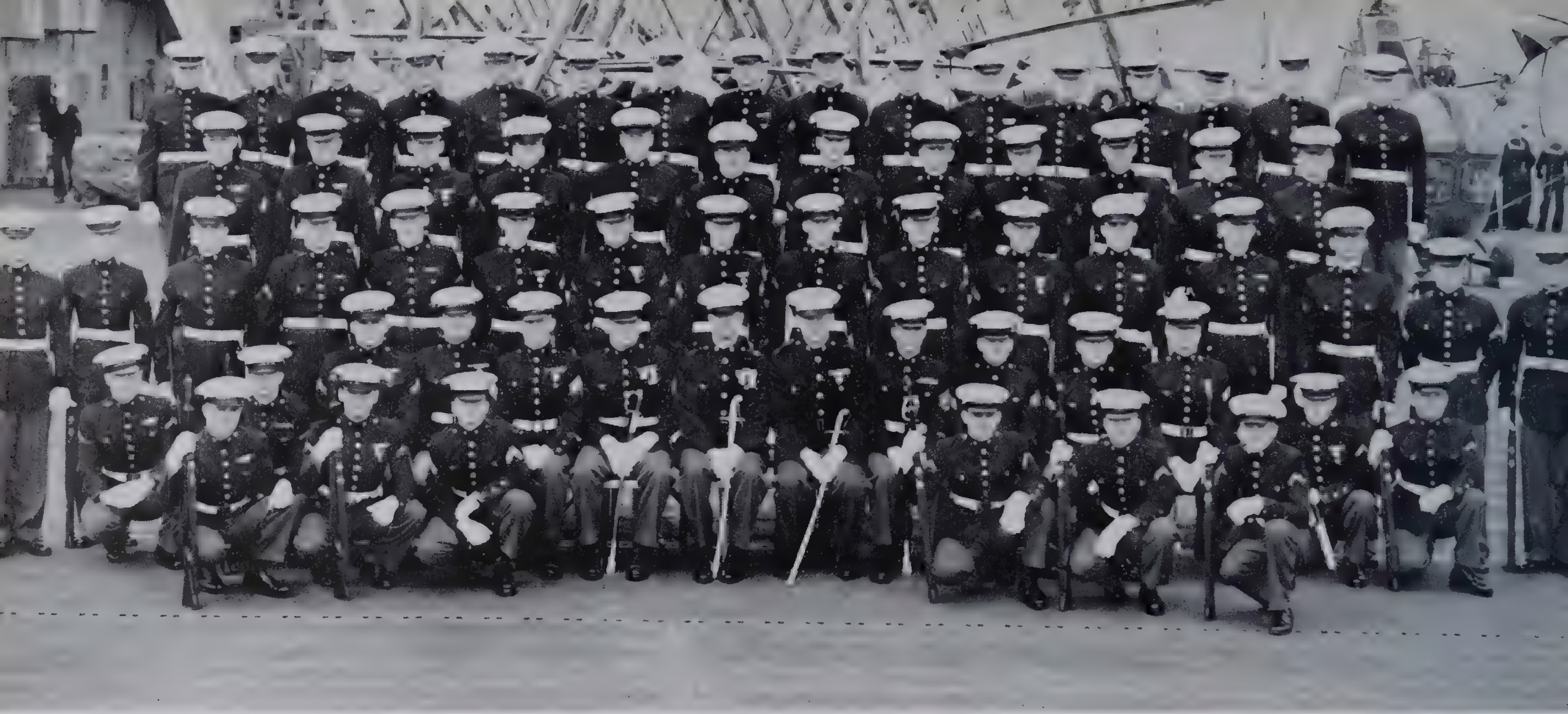
FOX DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Weckler; Rentz; Mason; Vanicek; Hurd; Hoffman; Rhule; Peterson; Naff; Smith; Hargrave
Second Row (l. to r.): Shelby; Gober; Pugh; Howe; CHGUN Alexander; ENS Charbonneau; LTJG Smith; ENS Silver; CHGUN Whitehead; Robertson; Johns; Barnes
Third Row (l. to r.): Kent; Lansing; Carlson; Marshall; Stevens; Whitehurst; Putman; Howe; Selvey; Selland; Montgomery; Owens; Wiley; Boudreaux; Tobin; Hurley; Noonan
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Lawrence; Moore; McGuire; Reeb; Murphree; Overholser; Purvis; Watlington; Johnson; Quellhorst; Dotson; Riedel; Dorn; Neitz; Gardner; Turner

Marines

Since 1775 Marine detachments have served aboard United States Naval vessels with their primary duty that of being prepared to land against hostile forces. They are, contrary to popular belief, a separate unit, not connected to the gunnery department. They have their own administration, supply and accounting systems.

The Marine detachment of the Valley Forge, commanded by Captain John B. Sims, U.S. Marine Corps, was trained, equipped and prepared to carry out a landing upon six hours notice. Though this was their primary reason for being aboard, their secondary duties were such as to keep all hands well occupied. Some of their duties were: manning a portion of the ship's batteries; external security of the ship; administration and control of the ship's brig, besides presiding as honor guard at all honors and ceremonies. Seldom too, would the Captain or Executive Officer be seen without his marine orderly, as set forth by tradition, one pace to the left and two to the rear.



MARINES

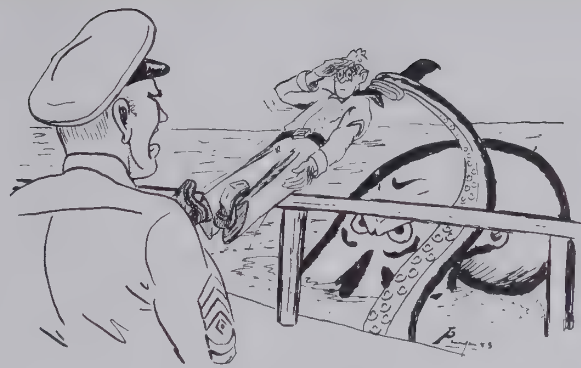
Front Row (l. to r.): Eagle; Gonis; Stoner; Marroni; Boren; Frigo
Second Row (l to r.): Arpin; Davis; Evans; Holman; Breon; Ohlschwager; CAPT Sims; 1st LT Vest; Zumwalt; Eckert; Santy; Richardson; Harper; Vigil
Third Row (l. to r.): Patton; Brennan; Bauldry; Geib; Bolz; Broadway; Leifer; Boardman; Daniel; Kinnaird; Leif; Forbes; Fields; Walbrun; Robertson; Kill
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Uzynski; Bartes; Rowe; Fraley; Dorn; Zander; Hunt; Peschl; Herrington; Foote; Beisner; Richter
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Dalton; Mazur; Gavin; Brockman; Janis; Gilham; Grove; Burns; Shilkus; Butler; Ward; Ortegel; Anthony; Chilton; Evans; Thompson
One man missing from picture: Brookshire

The U. S. Marines have a long and honored service as members of the crews on Naval vessels. Our detachment was no exception. These were some of the functions they perfomed—

Rifle technicians,—

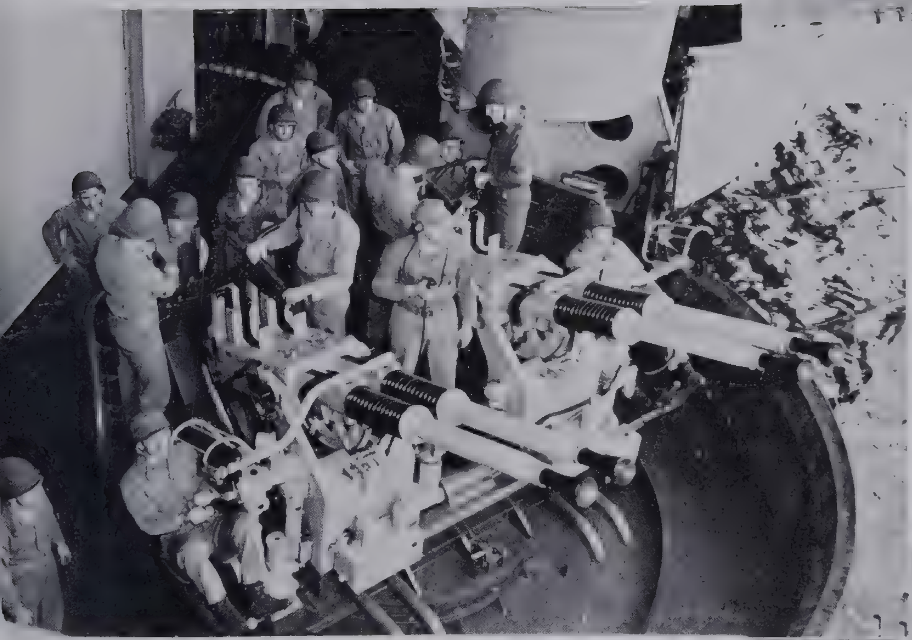
Brig Warden,—

Honor Guard,--



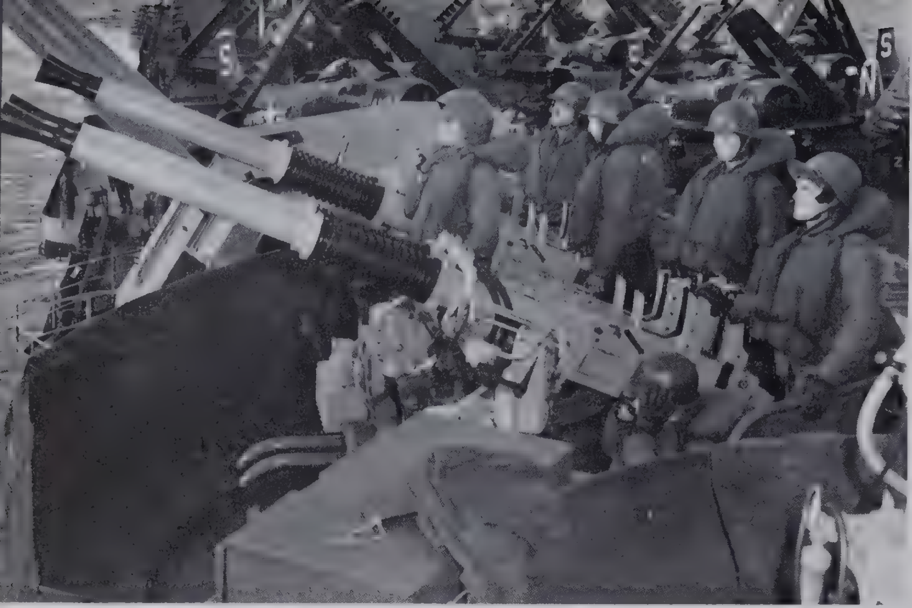
Hey! Straighten that tie!

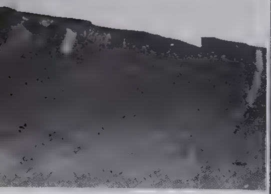
Landing Force,-

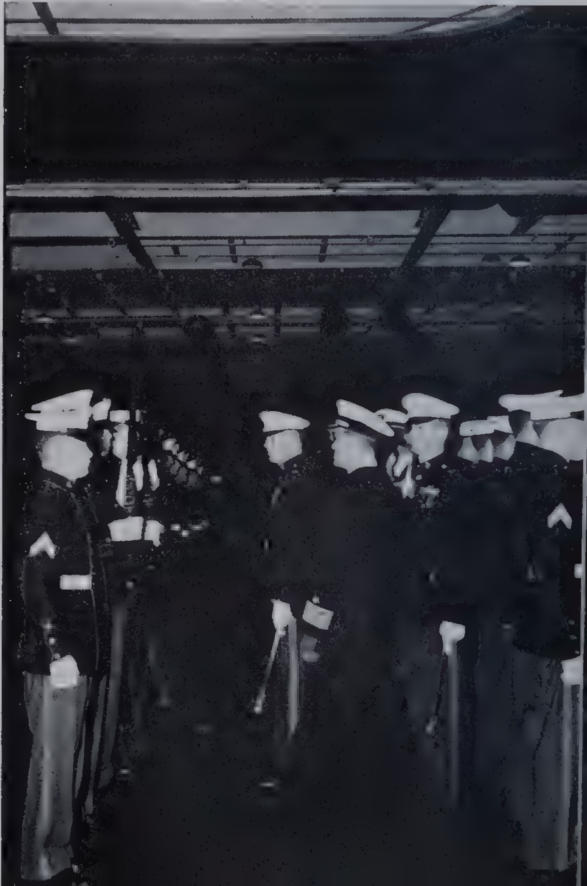


40 mm Gun Crew,—

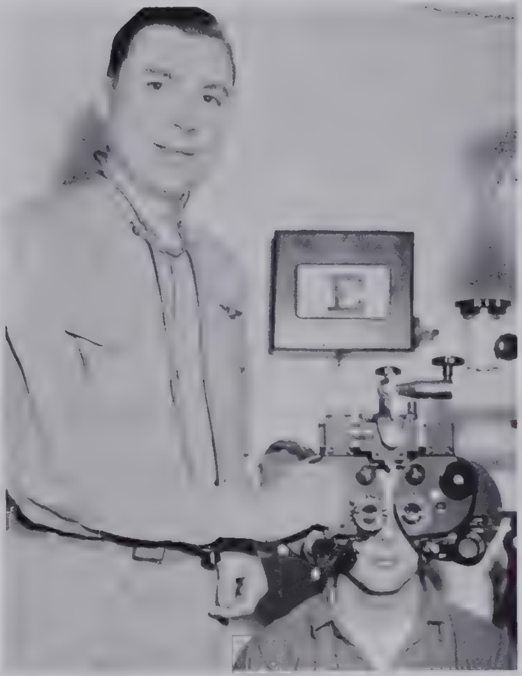
Sergeant of the Guard







Medical and Dental Dept.


CDR Heinz, MC, USN

CDR Horn, DC, USN

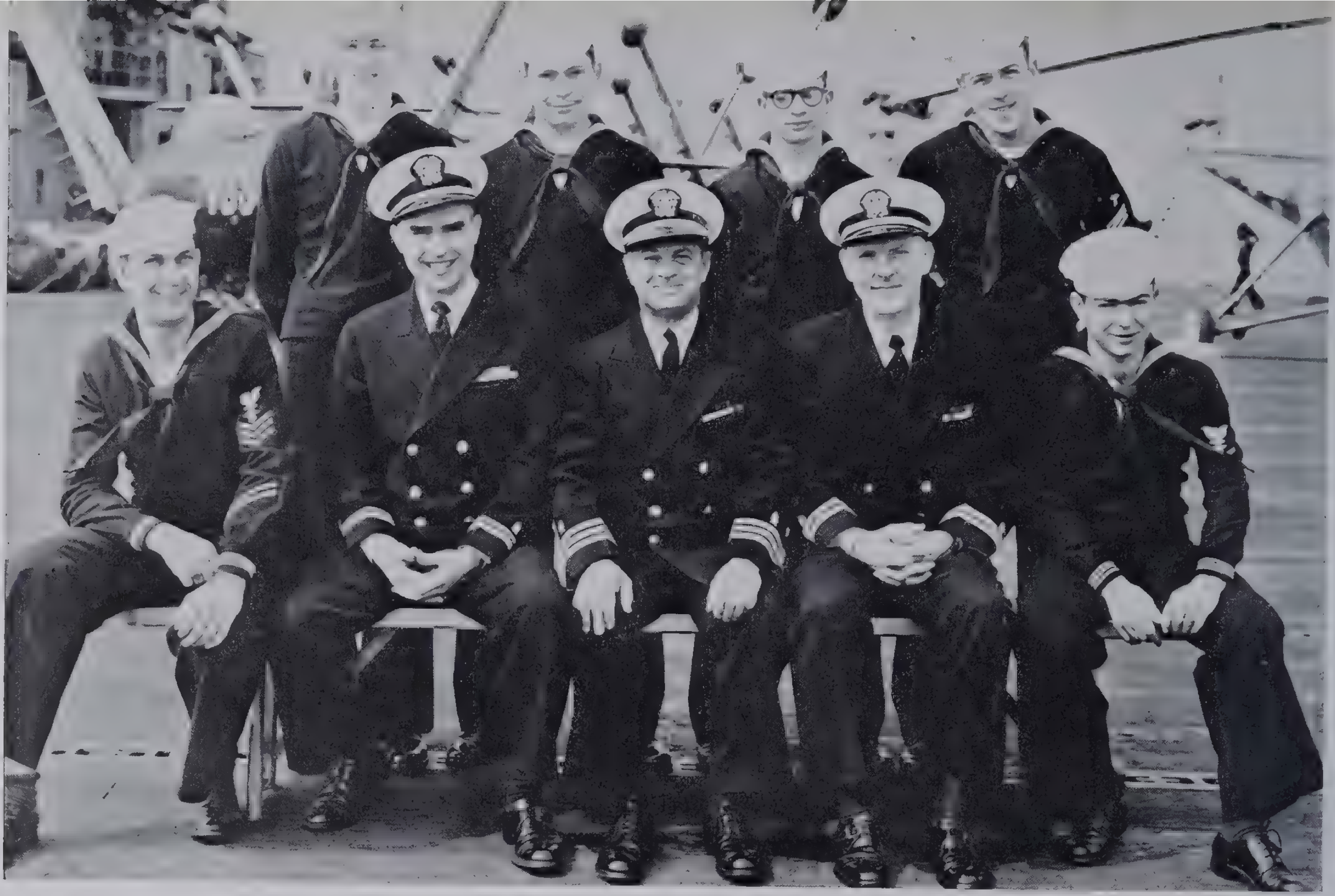
To keep as many men at their jobs as many days as possible. That is the purpose of the Medical and Dental Corps of the U.S. Navy. The officers and men of the Medical and Dental Department of the Valley Forge did a great job of keeping the crew of a fighting ship in fighting shape.

These departments on the Valley Forge were comparable to a small city hospital, not only in skill and efficiency, but in modern equipment and facilities as well. Medical and Dental were equipped with both the skilled personnel and the equipment to handle everything from cavities to surgery.

Approximately one hundred men were treated daily at sick call; some fifteen to twenty surgical operations were performed monthly; about nine hundred officers and men sweated the dental line each month; and the pharmacy issued some six hundred prescriptions per month.

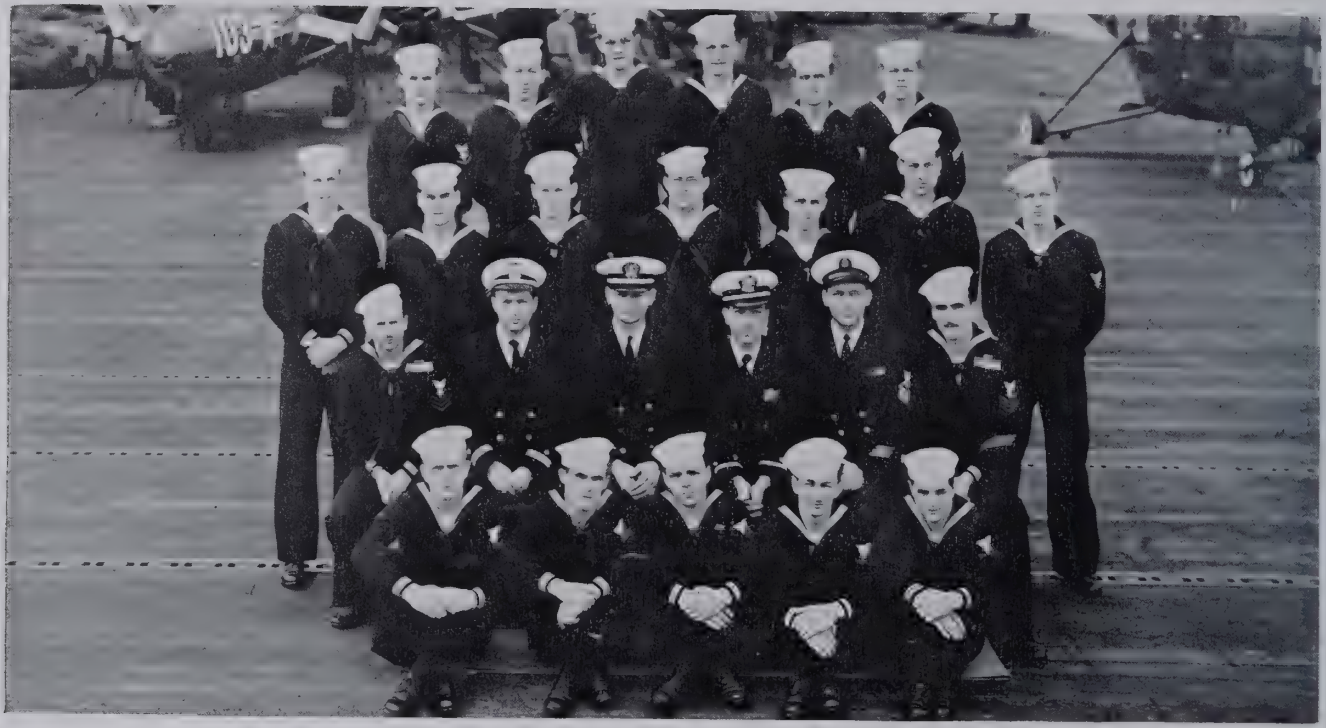
During General Quarters they furnished the skilled and efficient officers and men who manned the battle dressing stations and stood ready to care for our wounded. The two decontamination stations were also manned by these highly trained personnel (in case of atomic or bacteriological warfare.)

The Medical and Dental Department of the Valley Forge not only "Took care of her own" but helped the smaller ships who operated with her as well. It was nothing unusual for a surgery case to come over the hi-line and somehow they were always ready for such emergencies.



D DIVISION

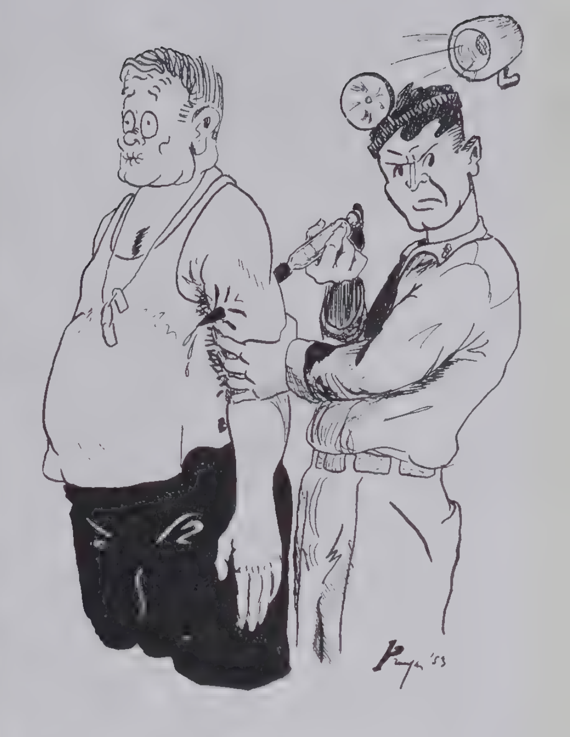
Front Row (l. to r.): Goff; LTJG Ervin; CDR Horn; LT Howard; Gant
Second Row (l. to r.): Schneider; Breiholz; Sansom; Tilly



H DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Eikenberry; Gatlin; Rhea; Seesz; Thomas
Second Row (l. to r.): Moore; LTJG Culligan; LT Puckett; ENS Thompson; Holland, HMC; Henderson
Third Row (l. to r.): Clark; Barrus; Bradburn; Sutton; Carlisle; Goodman; O'Neill
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Gartman; Barrage; Haynes; Garrett; Lundstrom; Mills

Only seven more to go!

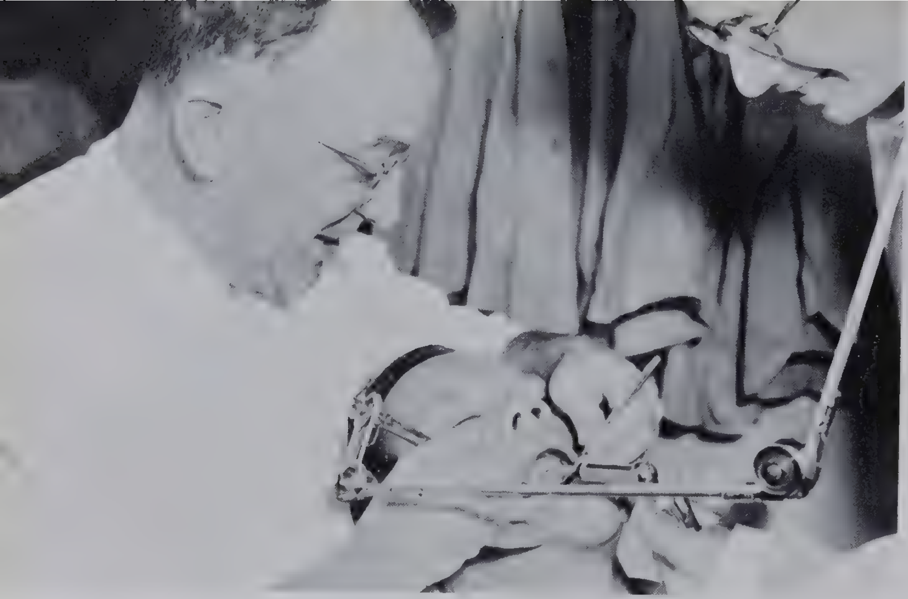


THAT was a 5"/38 firing run to port—!

What? Wrong tooth? Let's try this one!

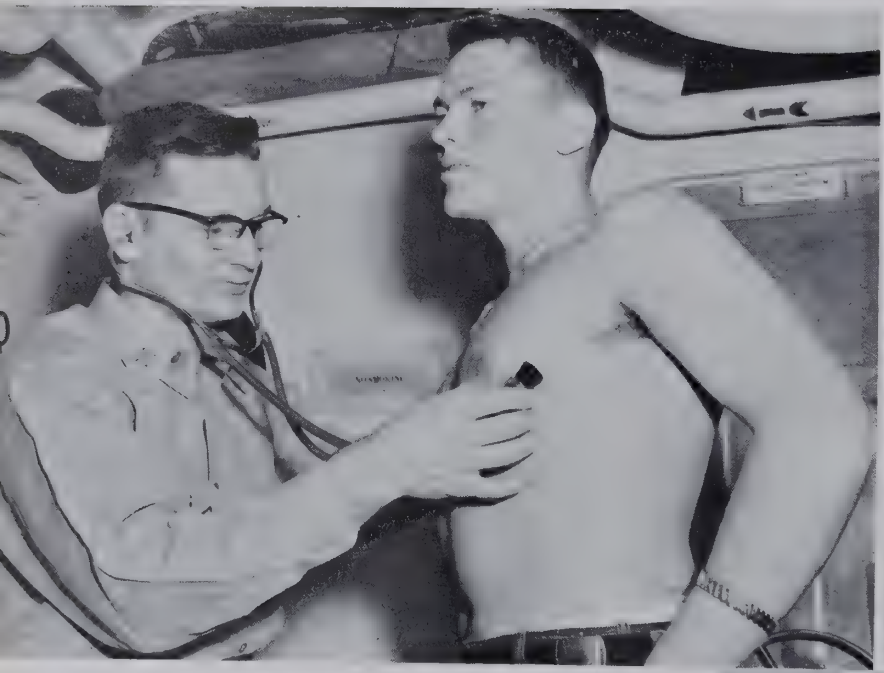
Make his next dental appointment as soon as possible. April 1956!

Hot Dog! Time for more shots



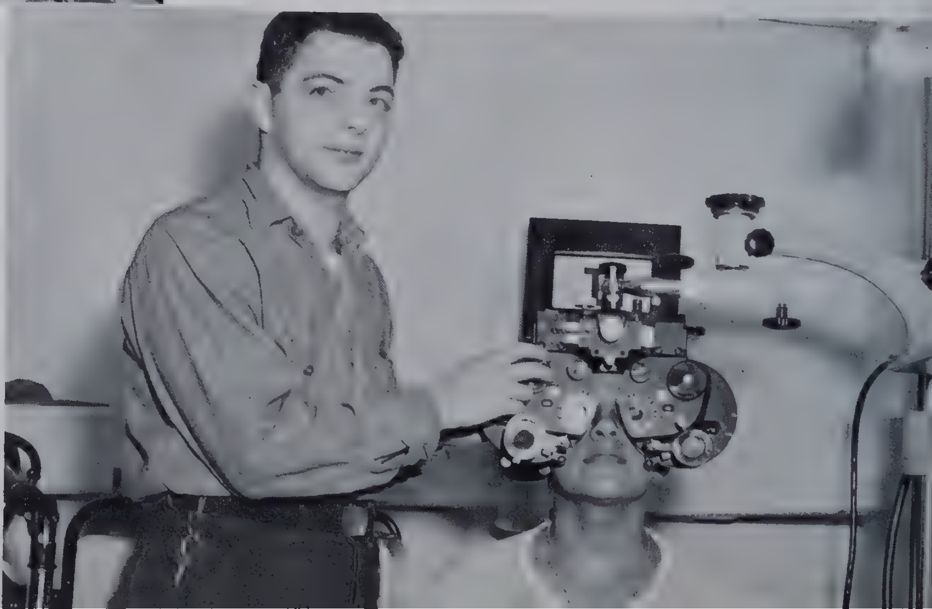
Doctor Henn—"That reminds me of a story"

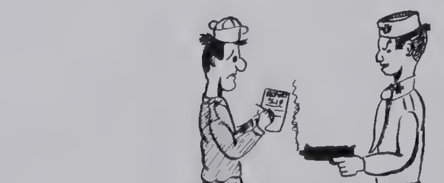
Flight deck medics—always ready if needed



Yes, you do look a little run-down!!

What chart on what bulkhead?



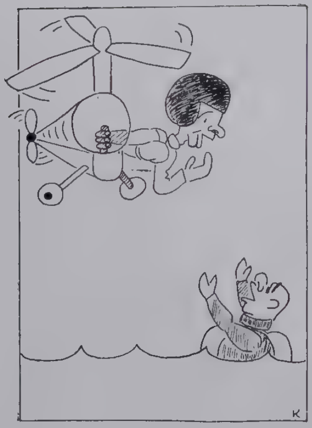


Self defense, he stepped on my shine!

Away, the stretcher

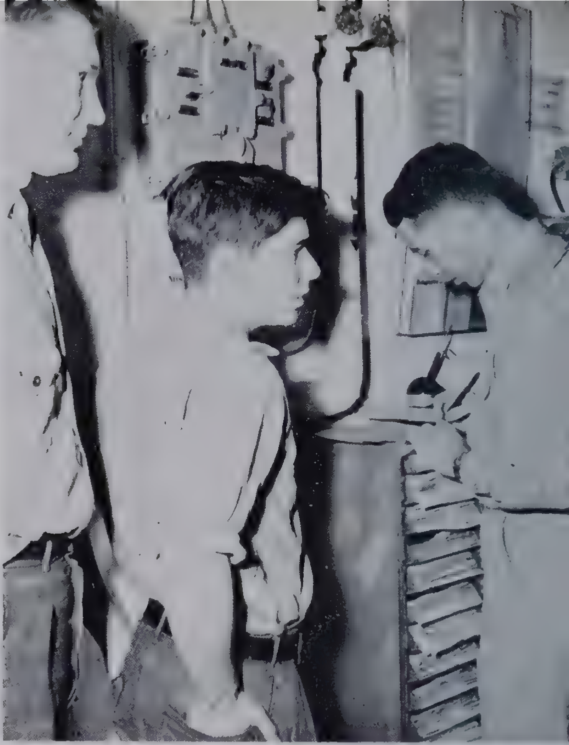
ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

This, gentlemen, is what is called the big toe.



"45"? Mebbe So, Four
Dollar Hong Kong

Bxinstlpzmhszywnlg!!! OUCH!



How long have you had this—er uh—col

Hey Doc, make the next batch real dry!

Scalpel—clamps—sponge—scalpel—mayonnaise

I think I'd rather wait for the dentist, okay?

Air Dept.

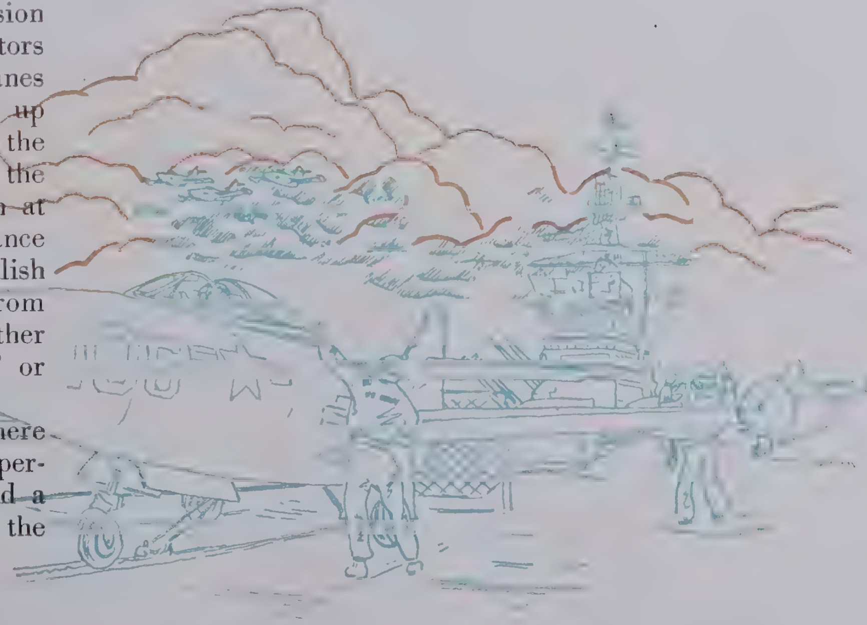
Air Department

The "Airdales", an affectionate name given to the Air Department by their shipmates, was the second largest department aboard the Valley during the last cruise. Distinctively identified by their colored jerseys, the four hundred and seventy men of the department worked in all parts of the ship but were most conspiciously present on the Flight and Hangar decks. As head of the department, Commander Herman J. Trum III, USN, supervised Flight deck operations from Primary Fly, the ship's control tower high up in the island structure. It was a mammoth project but done in an orderly manner by the six divisions of the department.

V-1 division was responsible for the Flight deck crews which handled the aircraft. They directed traffic during take offs and landings, pushed planes, pulled chocks and helped start the iron birds, drove the tractors, manned the "Hot Suits", and the crash equipment. Working closely with V-1 were the V-2 division personnel who manned catapults and arresting gear. Their job—fire the planes off with the big slingshots and catch them in the arresting gear—or barriers!! V-3 division ran the "barn" or hangar. Their three elevators were the means of bringing the crippled planes from the flight deck and taking them back up when repaired. The mechanical magicians of the V-4 division did the maintenance work on the planes and made some of them fly again when at times it seemed an impossibility. The ordnance gang, the V-6 division, worked on the most ticklish job—arming the aircraft, carting the ordnance from below, dearming the bombs and rockets, and other ordnance work. V-7 ran the "gas station" or refueling details for the aircraft.

Each division had it's own duties but where overlaps of responsibility were encountered, cooperation was excellent. The Air Department had a big job in assisting the Air Group to get over the target and deliver their loads to the enemy.

CDR Herman J. Trum III, USN



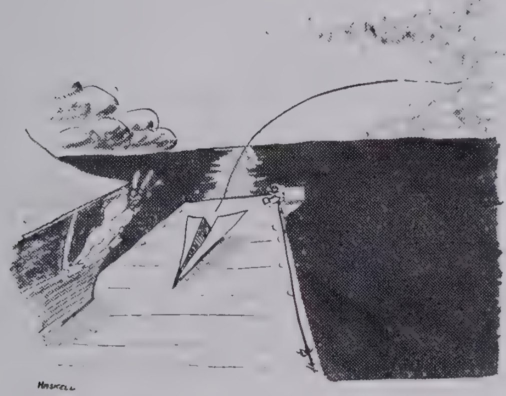
Up from the hangar deck!

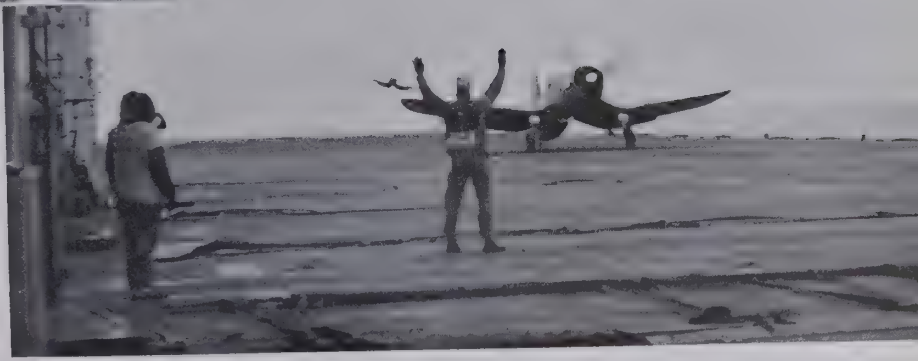
Joining the pack for the early launch!

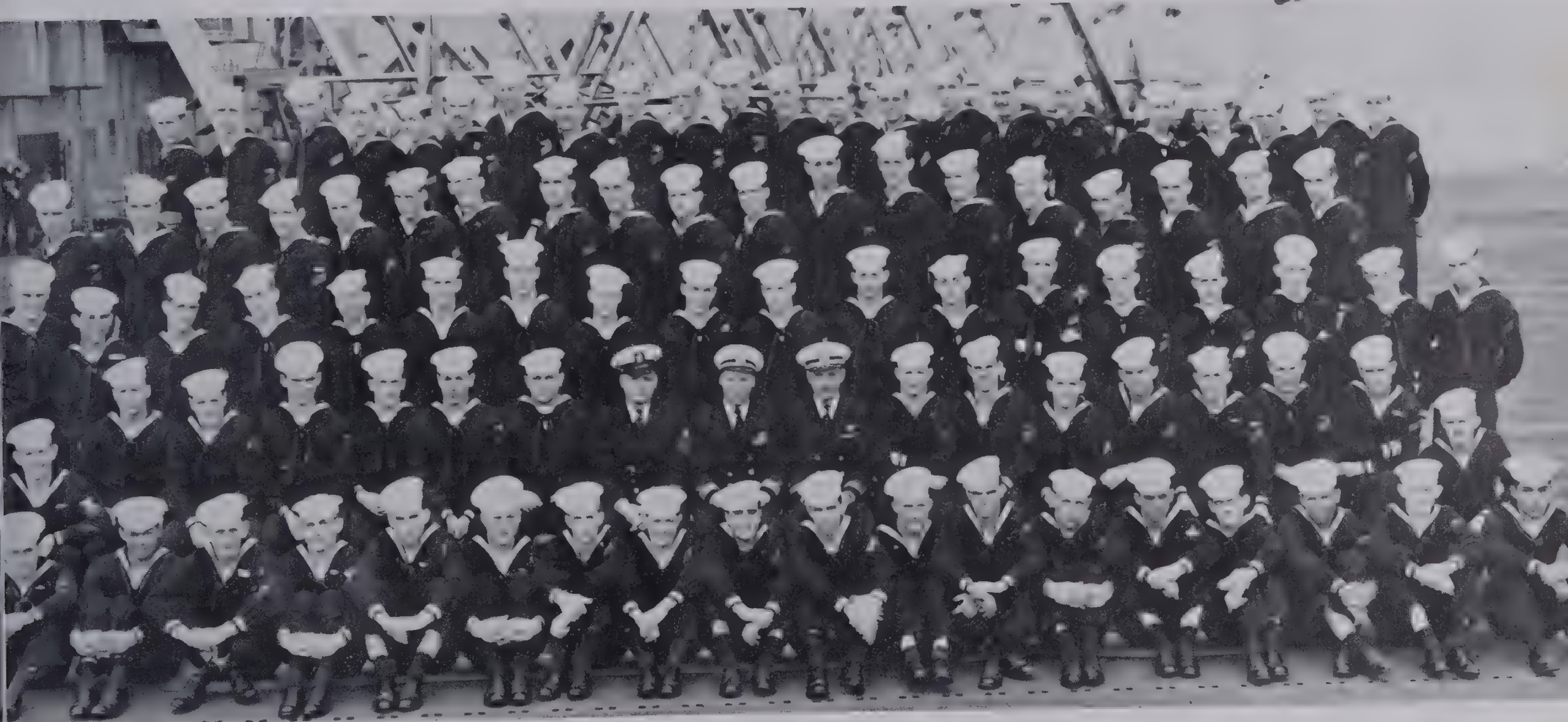
An airdale's best friend—the mule

Heading for the Port Cat

Two-finger turn-up



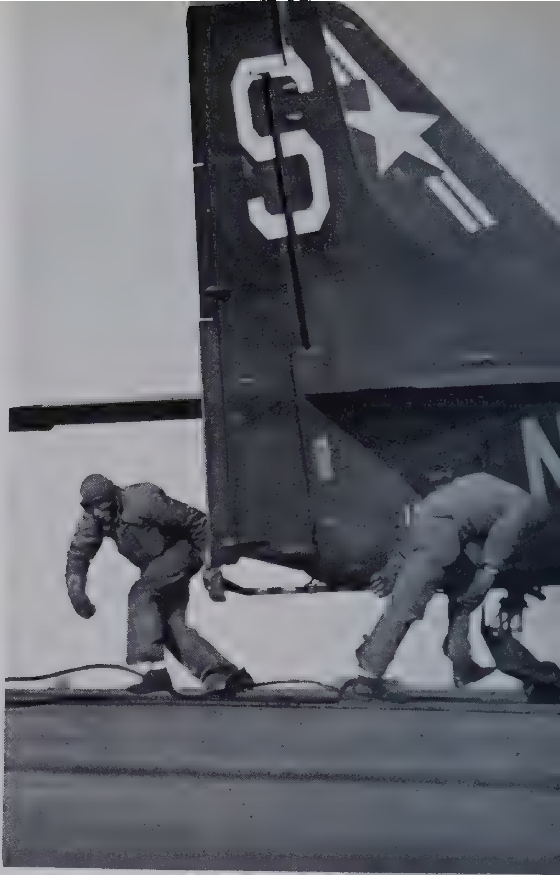




V-1 DIVISION

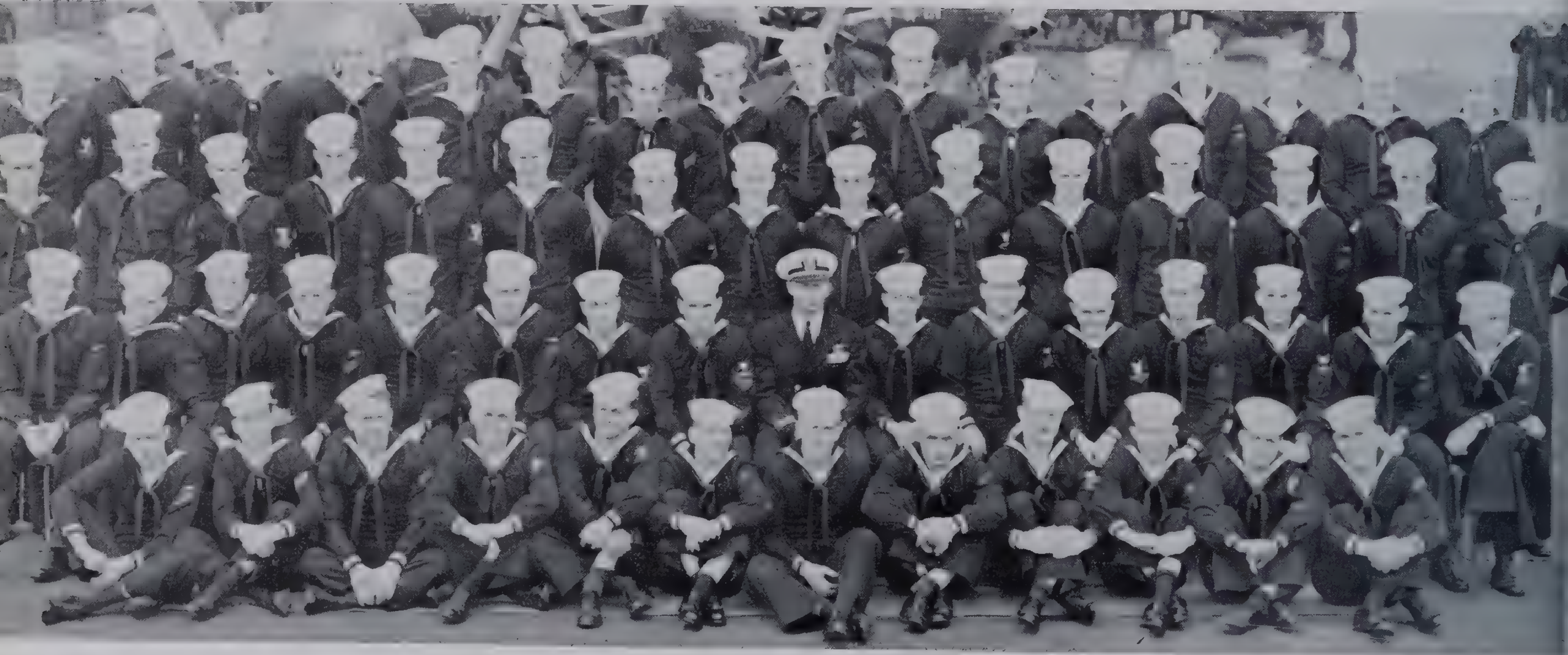
Front Row (l. to r.): Harvey; Diaz; Pueston; Sanches; Johnson; Scholten; Cox; Stewart; Tedesco; Ogburn; Turner; Beeson; Cleveland; Stephens; Otwell; Wilson; Espinosa
Second Row (l. to r.): Cotter; Spencer; Collins; Gardner; Braget; King; Brandt; Shirey, ABC; LCDR Peterson; LT Murphy; Turberville; Lingo; Doty; Sleezer; Wadsworth; Ward; Duncan
Third Row (l. to r.): Russ; De Luna; Hutchings; Pitizing; Sabin; Banks; Anderson; Roth; Boothe; Acker; Maudlin; Lebsack; Daughtery; Ryan; Roles; Erwin; Lindholm; Stolz
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Lale; Collins; Bradford; Harris; Partridge; Collins; Daniel; Oswalt; Parker; Barnes Hutchins; Putman; Clarens; Lockwood; Ferguson; May; Ewing; Losh; Del Principe
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Ervin; Mauerer; Duncan; Avery; Newton; Smallwood; Tarbutton; Anderson; Abernathy; Smith; Christopher; Mudd; Rhodes; Foster; Krumrey; Cichon; Trembly; Davis; Blattan; Schoonmaker, Lester; Sutton

Panther poised on the starboard cat!



Unhooking a Skyraider Attack Bomber from the arresting gear

The Trigger Man!



V-2 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Ottley; Greenhaw; Daniels; Magnuson; Mott; Clarke; Nance; Johnson; Wood; Dykeman; Kocsis; Schwartz

Second Row (l. to r.): Call; Maresch; Bales; Wehr; Haupt; Patrick; Bianchini; McLaughlin; LT Benson; Gutoehrlein; Guerrero; Helm; Nies; Staley; Rinaldi; Thurlby

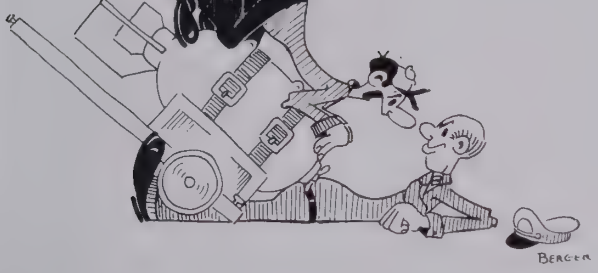
Third Row (l. to r.): Kuhn; Mount; Stutesman; McClain; Henricks; Banks; Stein; Weiss; Beattie; Wade; Miles; Corrigan; Swann; Berber; Corbin

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Pekelder; Fethke; Wise; Hassel; Ostrowski; Hollowell; Luna; Know; Ghysels; Mergele; Oppenheim; Oppenheim; Bonner; Shaffer; Boxwell; Salay

Men missing from picture: Burden; Layman

LT CROCKETT *and Aides*

Bringing one into the barn



Good morning sir!!!

Rolling one aft

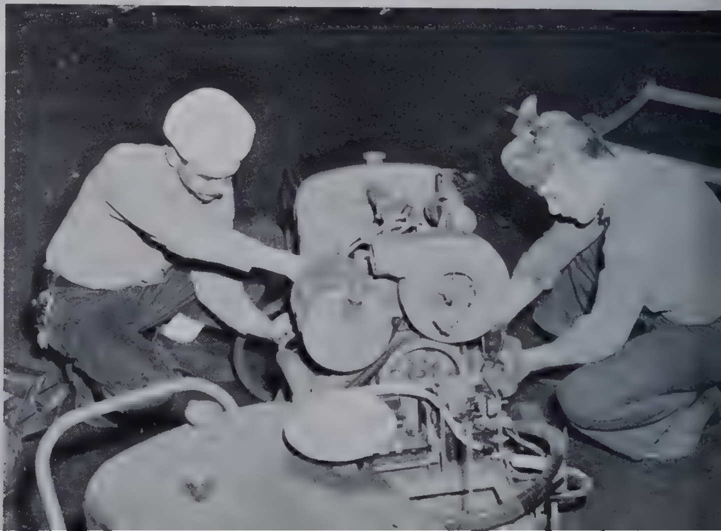
Tied down for the night

V-3 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Marquez; Purcell; Grimm; Tarbett; Hock; Selby; Polster; Lipp; Greer; Helma
Second Row (l. to r.): Sabastian; Sander; Dozier; Turner; Jones; Miller; Miller, BMC; LT Crockett; Billingsley; Hynes; Anderson; Heisler; Colbarrubius; Terry; Cartwright; Beam
Third Row (l. to r.): Porteous; Edwards, Thompson; Jensen; Ducey; Douglas; Bonel; Shipman; Askew; Skeens; Sears; Kevacils; Pool; Yeager
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Purcell; Murrell; Blakemore; Blevins; Becker; Blair; Findley; Morton; Skustek; Polhill; Moffitt; Davies; Riggs; Spencer; Golden; Davis; Sapp; Fortune
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Garrison; Quvois; Scott; Trosen; Bohannon; Arfman; Derrington; Mrozinsky; Flack; McHendry; Phillips; Herbst; Clarke; Shook; Stewart

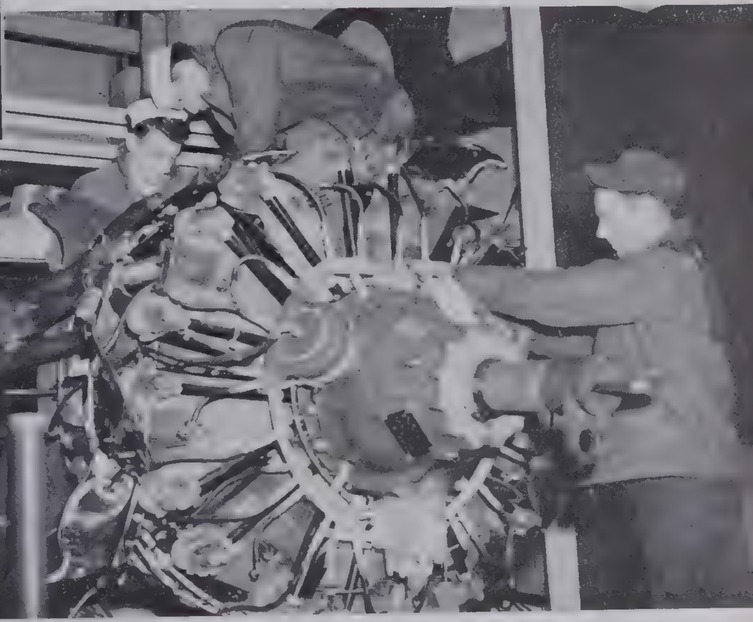
*LCDR PETERSON—
Aircraft Handling Officer,
"Spots" his flight deck*

Auxiliary Power Unit—Hangar Deck

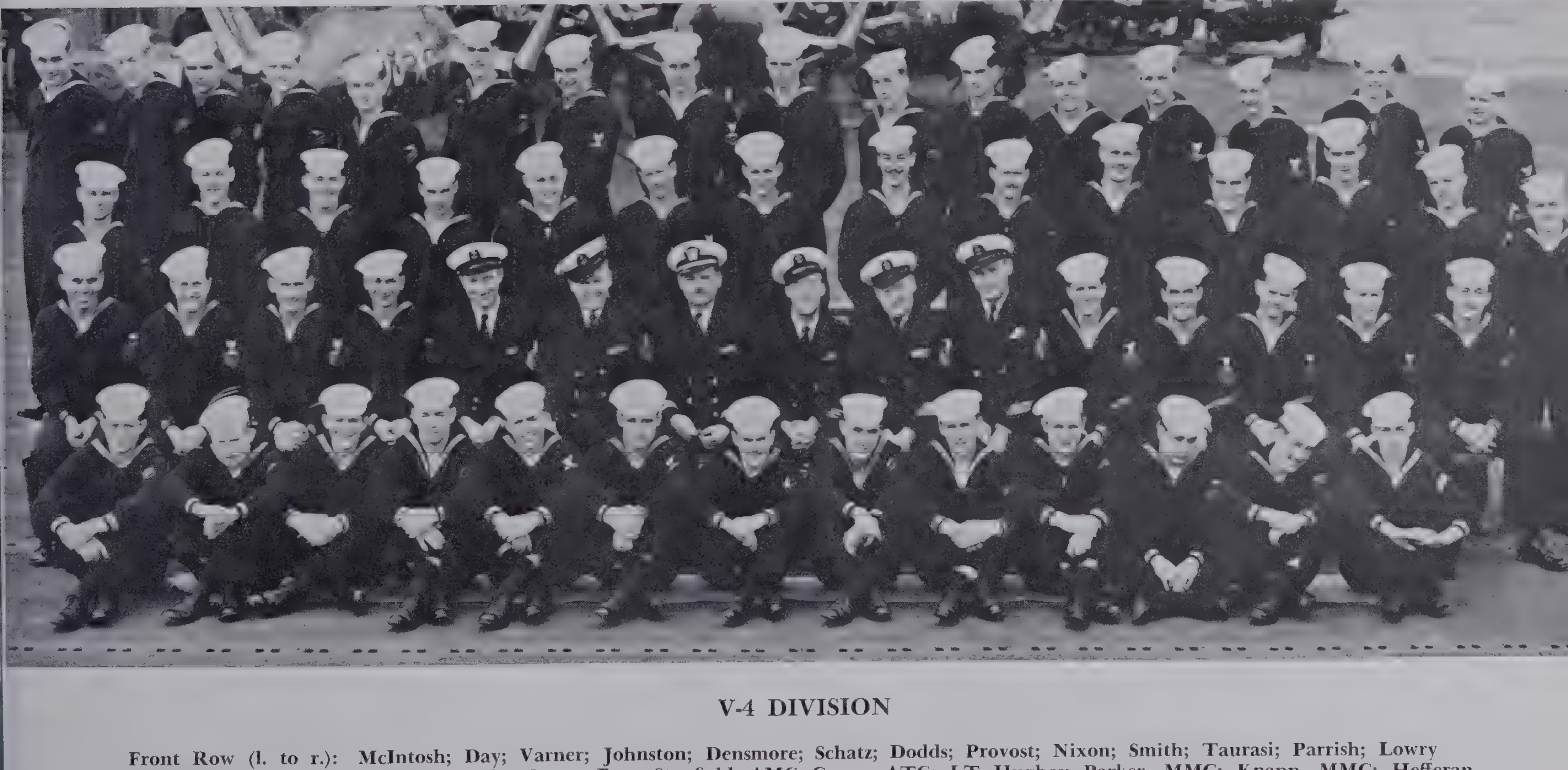


Oxygen Shop

Survival Gear

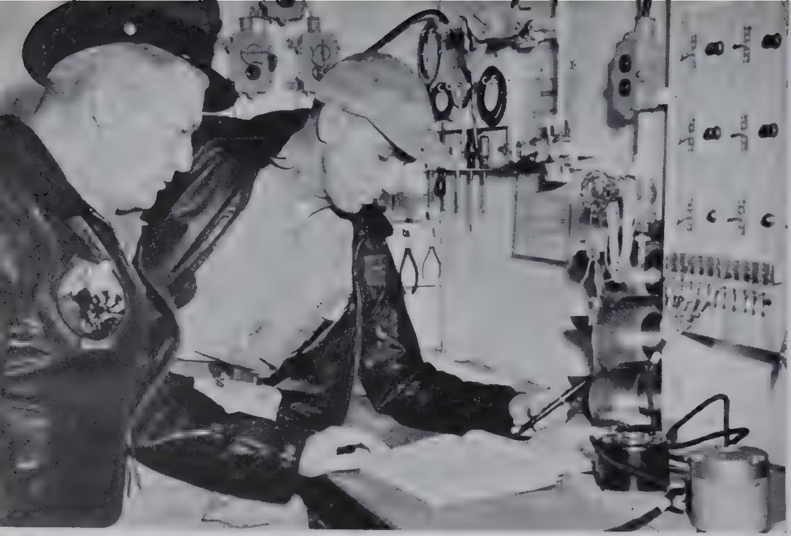


Engine Change



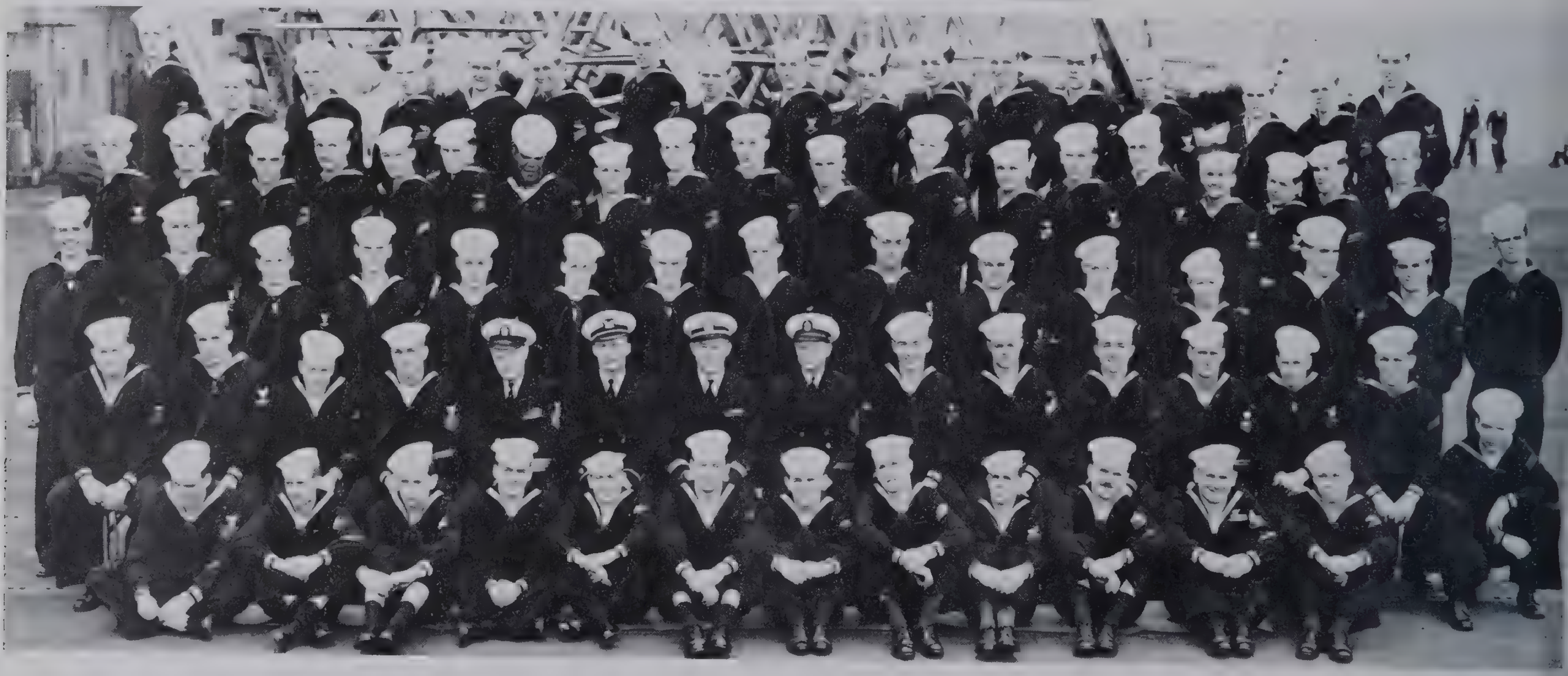
V-4 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): McIntosh; Day; Varner; Johnston; Densmore; Schatz; Dodds; Provost; Nixon; Smith; Taurasi; Parrish; Lowry
Second Row (l. to r.): Crabtree; Cavin; Crane; Frye; Stanfield, AMC; Camp, ATC; LT Hughes; Parker, MMC; Knapp, MMC; Hefferan, MMC; Evans; Daigle; Riggs; Bloyed; Eckhout
Third Row (l. to r.): Baker; Quinton; Schlight; Sender; Gundy; Kuttler; Webb; McGuinn; Long; Britton; Sealock; Mills; McMillan; Folts
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Rampy; Street; Baggett; Malone; Armstrong; Nelson; Braswell; Clark; Putman; Hagburg; Degraffenreid; Lentz; Le Duc; Payne; Slater; Buckley
Men missing from picture: Warmoth; Orr; Smith; Cheek; Drury; Haynes; Leaym; O'Connor, ADC; Berryhill; Hamel; Shipley



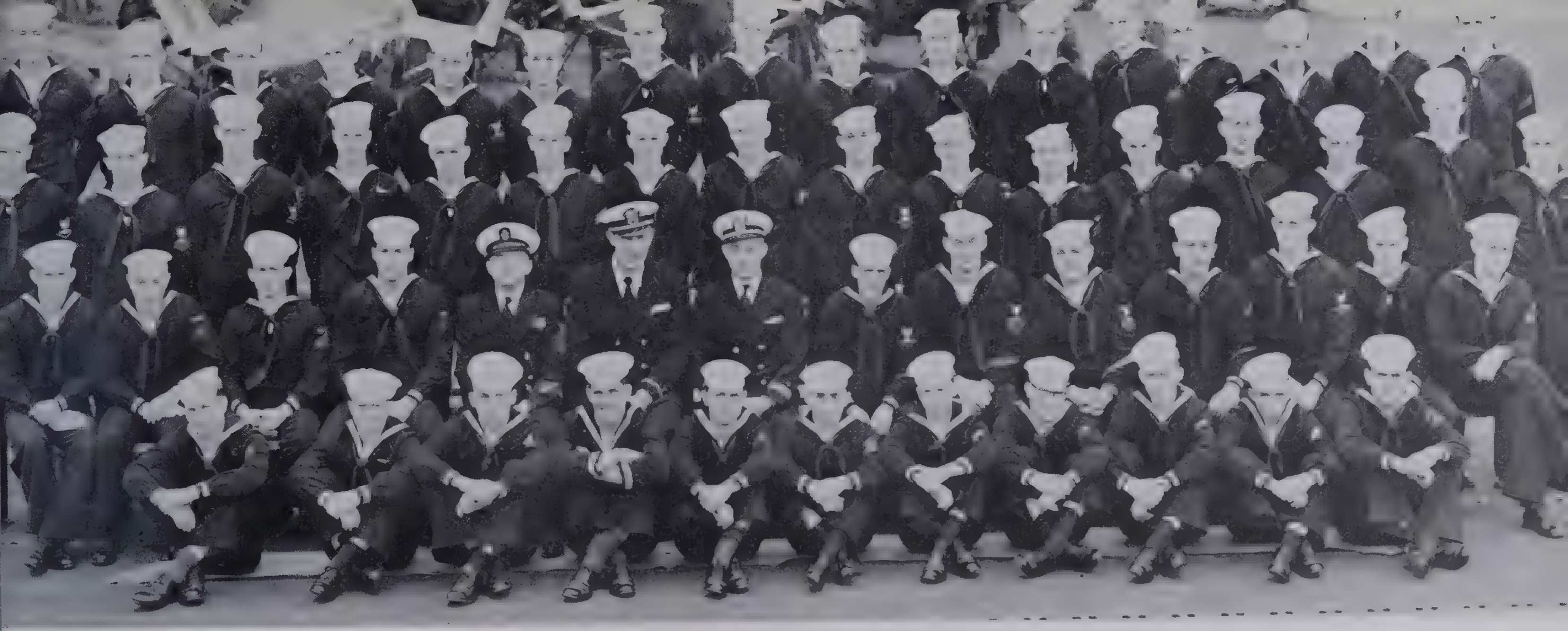
Ordnance experts

and some of their "toys"



V-6 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Montoya; George; Lovell; Hendricks; Porcelli; Purcell; Cooper; Wilkinson; Paulin; Smith; Swars; Gutman
Second Row (l. to r.): West; Willford; McDonald; Jennings; Anderson, AOC; GUNNER Hall; LT Gallant; Stockman, AOC; Hammer; Mellendorf; Haggard; Wheeler; Rogers; Hansen; Brown
Third Row (l. to r.): Allen; Ellison; Burns; Rosen; Konow; Donovan; Sanders; Arnold; Greene; Fosdick; Yetter; Williams; Connor; Howard; Lawson
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Belyea; Owens; Kane; Skowronski; Weldon; Conn; Newton; Hunter; Gilman; Clausen; Milden; McKee; Wrede; Bigham; Blazkovec; Roundy; Le Muiex; Rundell; Stevens
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Hooker; Lancaster; Thurman; Roberts; Neeland; Maddux; Montgomery; Steber; Quinn; Wright; Hartley; Pratt; Moore; Barker; Howlett; McGinnis; Nicoli



V-7 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Nicolaisen; Crews; Motichka; Lay; Sulon; Polito; Horvath; Jacobson; Walton; Holmes; Marconi

Second Row (l. to r.): Canterberry; Raymond; Odom; Waycaster; Rupert, ABC; CHMACH Christeleit; LT Gallant; Snow; McKeever; Hardgraves; Callison; Presnell; Bird; Craffham

Third Row (l. to r.): Lutz; Siqveland; Van Meter; Bunch; Sorensen;York; Anderson; Henderson; Forrest; Wicktom; Grosteffon; Brooks; Bonsall; Nelson; Conlow; Sweitzer

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Maddox; Smith; Hearn; Damron; Huckaby; Lester; Wolanin; McMillan; Hanson; Potter; Hall; Brown; Hill; Golgert; Barry; Tieche

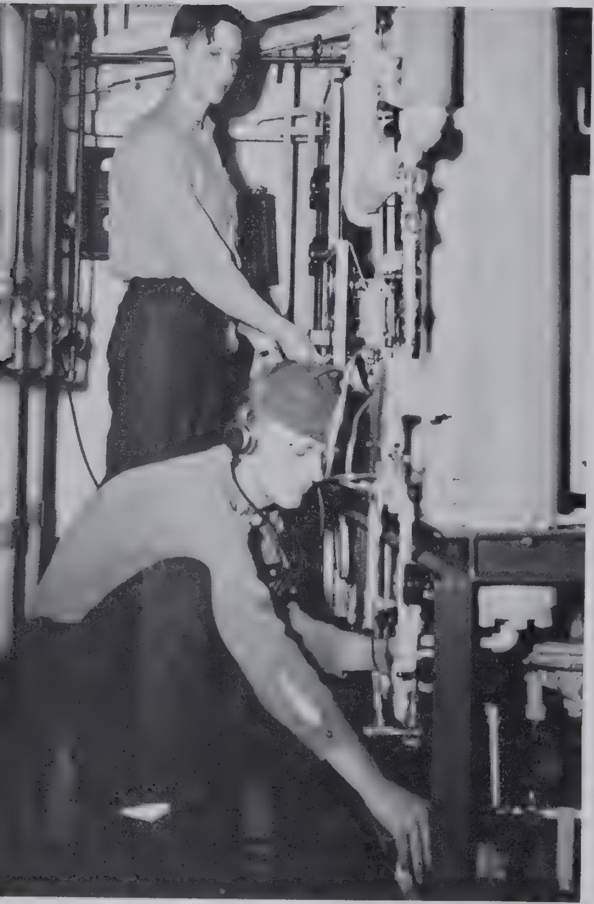
Missing from Picture: Thurman; Wilson; Freer; Schied; Lawrence

Aviation Gasoline Pump Room

Thirsty Panthers

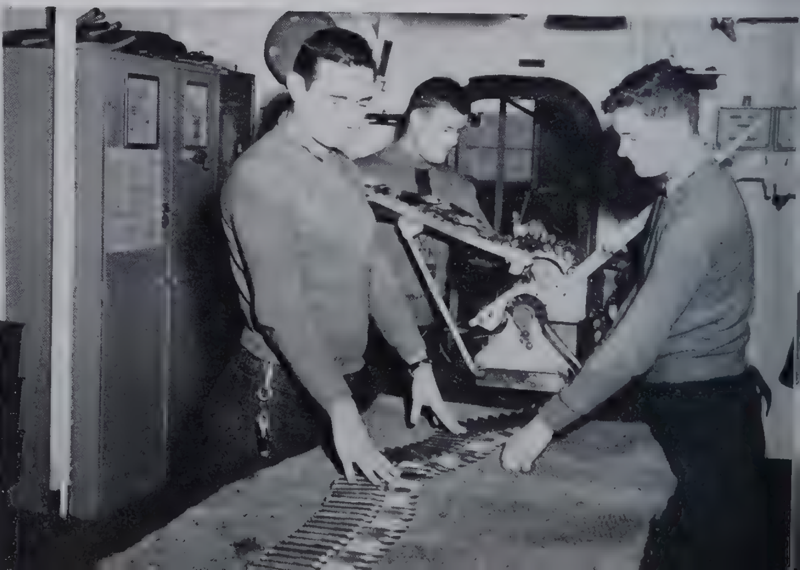
PRIMARY FLY

AIR OFFICE



METAL SHOP

AVIATION ARMORY



Engineering Dept.

CDR C. H. Fuller, USN

The "Black Gang", a title having its origin in the days when coal first served as a ship's fuel, has cleaned itself up since the time when one of its members could be identified by his sooty covered face or carbon incrusted hands. Even the department itself has had to be subdivided into many divisions to handle the complicated methods of power, supply, and distribution found aboard a modern combatant vessel such as our own.

The responsibility for coordinating the many new duties of the "Black Gang" rested upon the shoulders of Commander C. H. Fuller, USN.

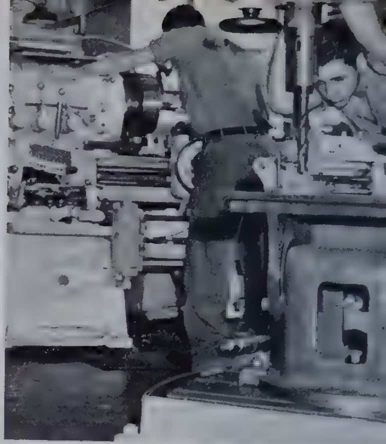
These divisions can be grouped as the Wet, the Dry, and the Shops.

The wet, comprised of the Baker (B) and Mike (M) divisions concerned themselves with the manipulation of water for power conversion and utilization. "Mike" ran the engine rooms, operated and maintained the main propulsion turbines. "Baker" had charge of the fire rooms with their boilers and evaporators (fresh water being a sailor's problem long before "The Ancient Mariner").

The E and ER Divisions or "Drys", worked principally with electronics gear. ER watched over the placement and functioning of the radio and radar equipment, repairing and replacing when necessary to provide the ship with electrical eyes that saw through the darkness and inclement weather screens. E Division gave us our internal lighting power, and internal communications and supervised the intricate ship-board ventilation systems.

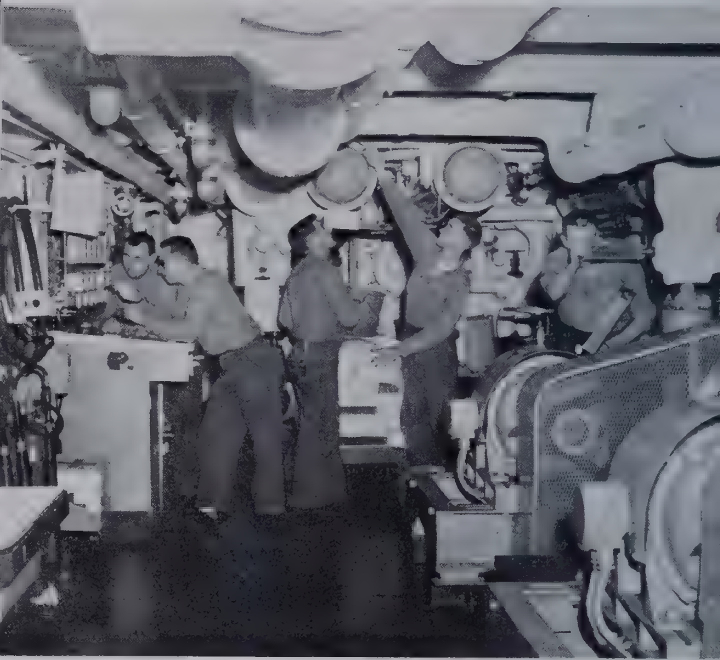
"Able" and "Roger" Divisions did the shop work as needed. "Roger" Division contained our damage control units. It was supported in the completion of these tasks by the carpentry, metalsmith, and pipefitting shops and, yes, the inevitable Navy paint locker. "Able" Division heated our compartments with steam, refrigerated our food, and operated the machine shop and tool room.

The workings of all six of the divisions in close harmony resulted in keeping the ship "in its own". Because of their work, the "Happy Valley" moved where and when she was needed and with a certainty of reliability in doing so.

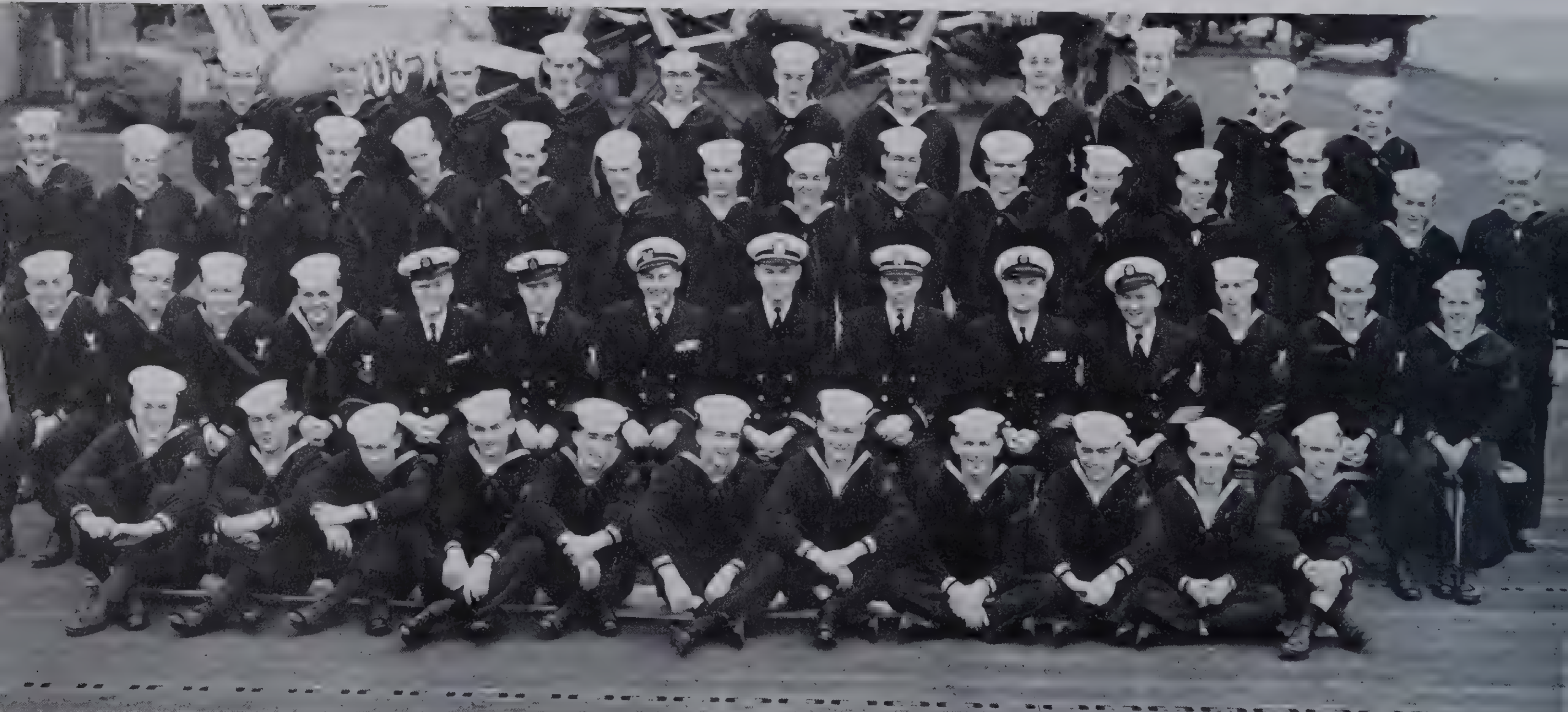


Machine Shop

It's no strain, Chief, when you get the hang of it.

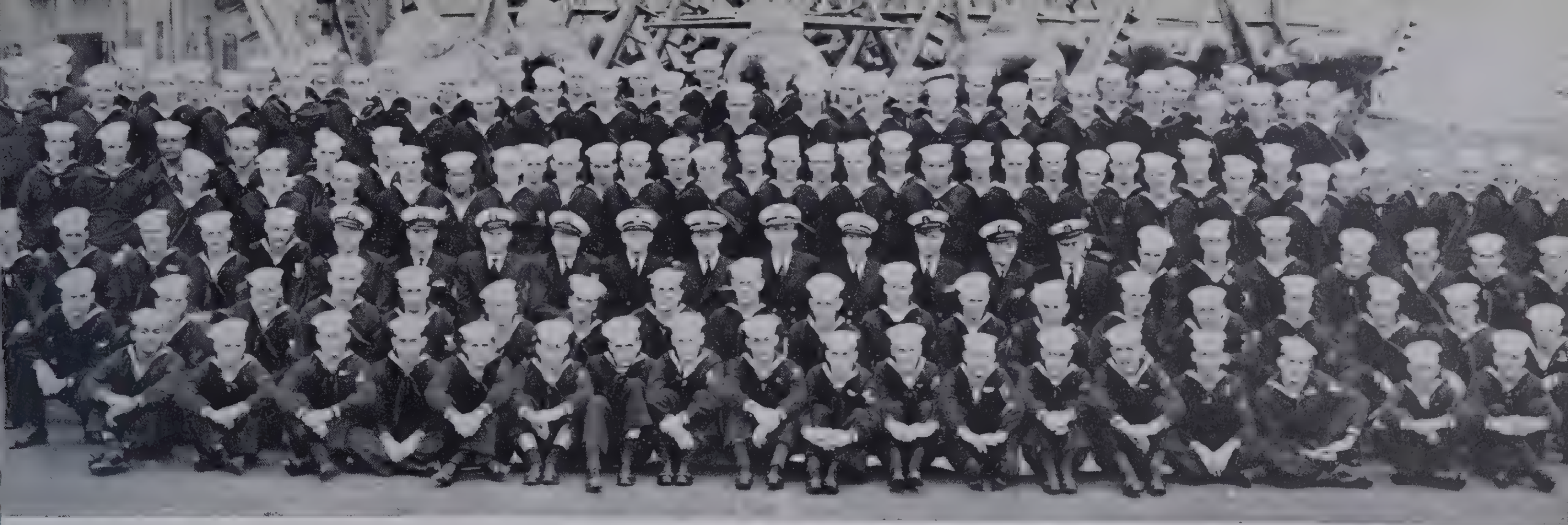


Ice house—real cool



A DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Stubberfield; Shepherd; Galloway; Bowling; Gordon; Eiring; Wilson; Settle; Cohen; Law; Knight
Second Row (l. to r.): Jones; Finck; Hall; Taylor; Harnden, ENC; Bobo, MMC; MACH Hance; LTJG Krippaehne; ENS Gaskin; Szymanski, MMC; Lynch, MMLC; Etter; James; Gause
Third Row (l. to r.): McMahon; Rider; Willis; Urbach; Gensberg; Woodcock; McKendry; Bishop; Patricelli; Wilson; Garrett; Peterson; Williams; Rediker; Fugate; Coleman
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Hanko; Slattery; Meucci; Maxson; Oliva; Bolling; Reeves; Kwiatkowski; Kuechle; Russman; Morton



B DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Johnson; Ervin; Picerilla; Roberts; Scott; Thomas; Kadas; Gray; Britt; Schwitz; Beard; Cruser; Hall; Estep; Clark; Cox; Schipper; Treat

Second Row (l. to r.): Shackleford; Hippensteel; Nussman; Luska; Warner; Holmes; Rubio; Ferretti; Fenn; Smith; Rich; Whittaker; Kisner; Deweese; Saintenoy; Kenney; Berryhill; Williams

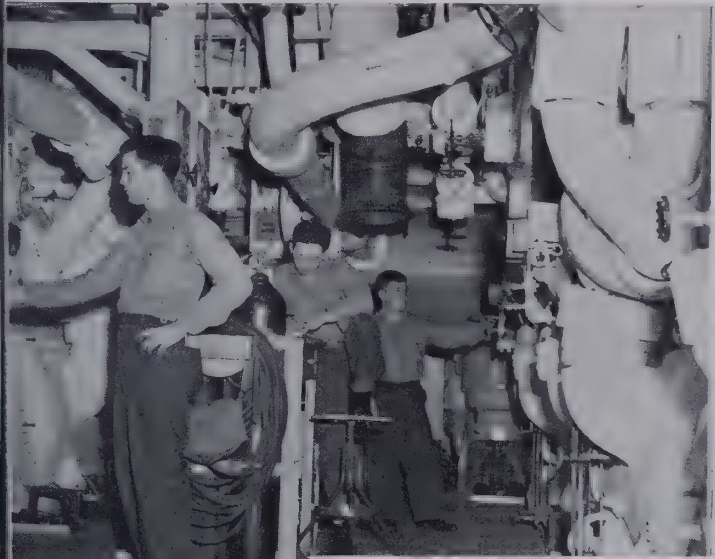
Third Row (l. to r.): Wommock; Carpenter; Hess; McKeehan; Troup; Dingman, BTC; Hunt, BTC; Tisot, BTC; Martin; MACH Trask; ENS Wilson; LTJG Huston; ENS Schrammeck; Winge, BTC; Lubowicki, BTC; Barker, BTC; Woelffer; Kalbfell; McKay; Viles; Conway; Smith; Lennon

Fourth Row (l. to r.): Morano; Westberry; Griffis; Dietz; Kotsmobogan; Steele; Martin; Tonsgard; Barnett; Campbell; Keezer; Maddox; Newman; Johnson; Huber; Carter; Cavender; Deertz; Doherty

Fifth Row (l. to r.): Newell; Spaccamonti; Thompson; Pilate; Robinson; Gier; Jefferson; Meyer; Benson; Byrd; Autrey; Workman; Martin; Pearson; Cooke; Wirth; Dietrich; Pfeil; Sugg; Ford; Everett

Sixth Row (l. to r.): Jackson; Frink; Maurice; Davis; McCullough; Borrenphol; Smith; Bachicha; Sims; Bullock; Shovlin; Crosby; Walther; Bellman; Messne; Hawkinson; Brady; Cotter; Potts; McKinney; Griffin

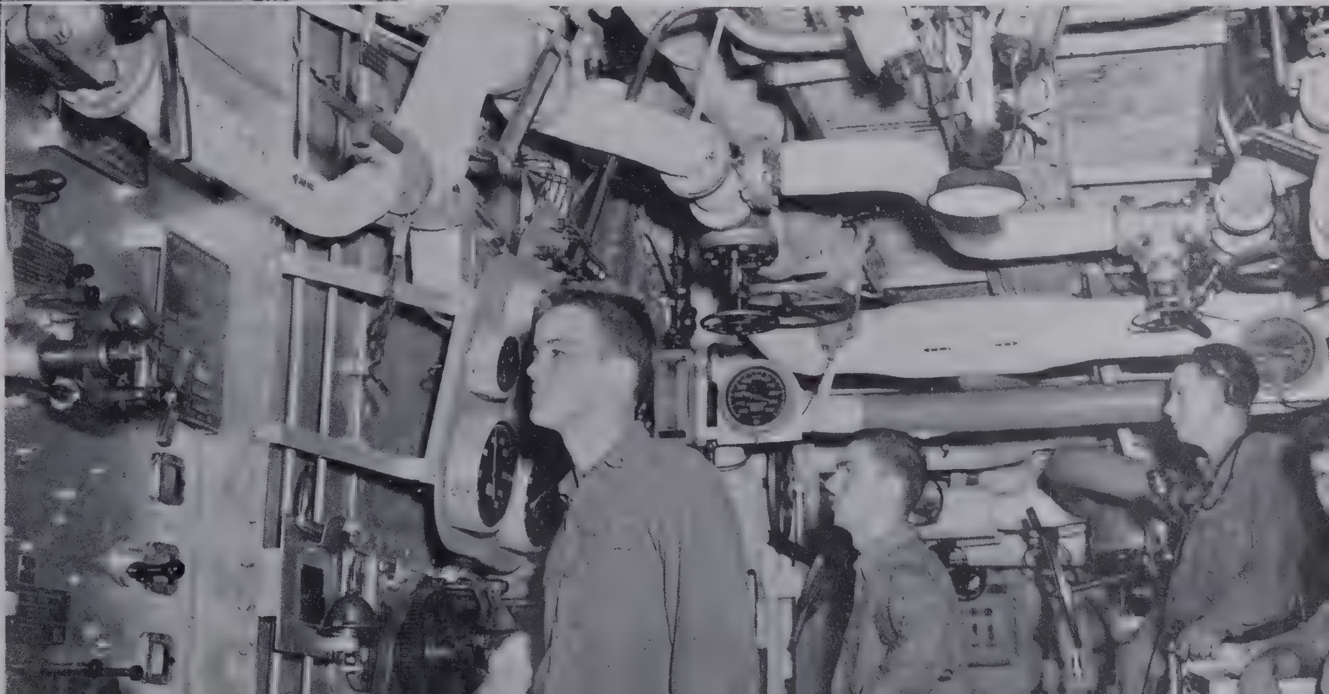
Seventh Row (l. to r.): Klein; Montoyo; Rabun; Maguire; Case; Rodgers; Sizemore; Lehner; Seehusen; Radke; Abbott; Moorefield; Jenkins; McDaniels; Hall; Tullgaen; Shields; Brown; Butler; Evans

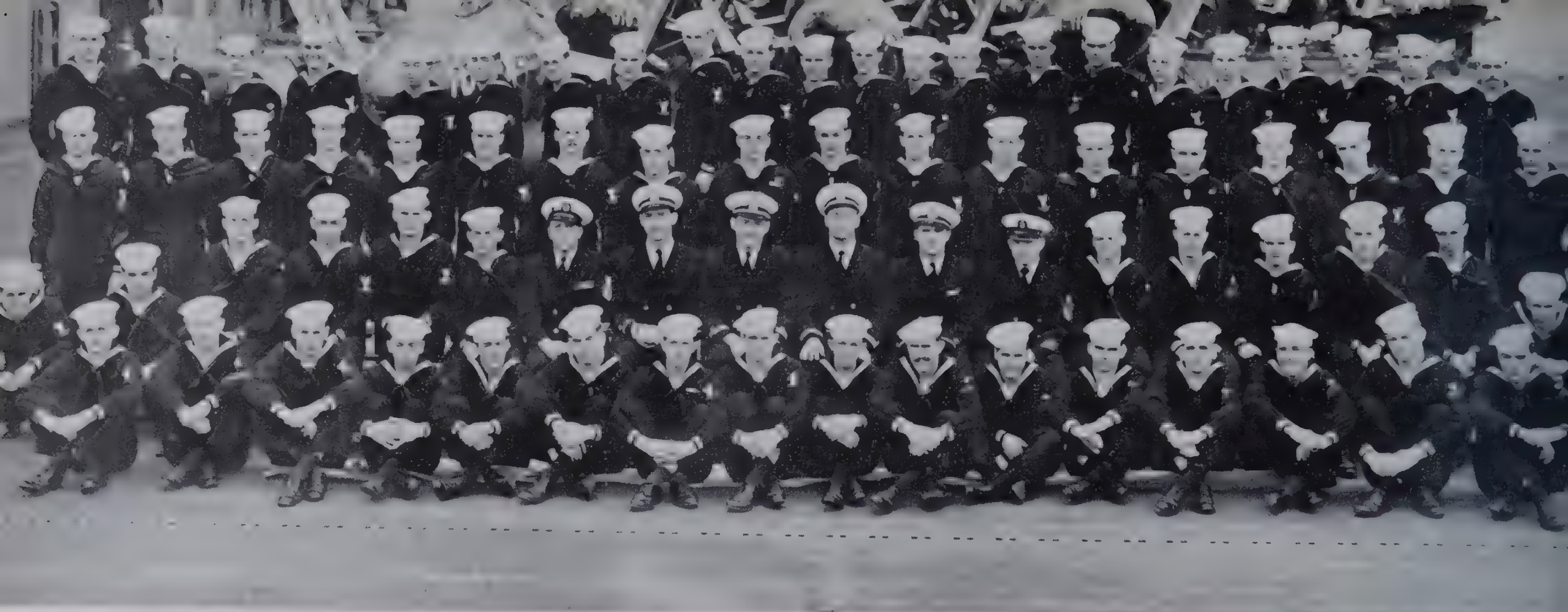


Oops, A Division again

Boilers and Boilertenders

What happens if I pull this one?





E DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Krepski; Sands; Fouts; Hamann; Ingram; Petree; Dubose; Schaffer; Gibson; Hafen; Burkey; Connery; Lesnansky; Ryerson; Rediess; Main

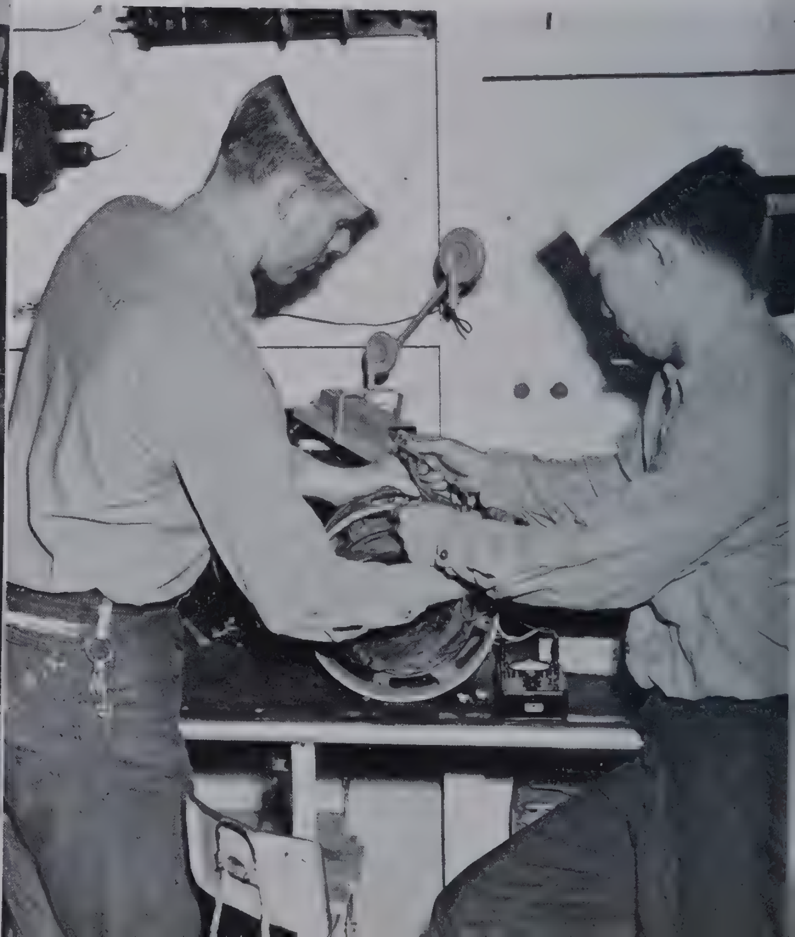
Second Row (l. to r.): Cummings; Espinoza; Batchelor; Rogers; Adams; Staples; Brawner; ENS Morris; LTJG Hughes; LTJG Magee; ELEC Brooke; Casady; Bice; Campbell; Stansberry; Bresock; Marks

Third Row (l. to r.): Whitaker; Johnson; Costlow; Harrison; Garrett; Yount; Free; Mascaro; Cermak; Chapman; Peltomaa; Eystone; Anderson; Sutch; Chester; Custer; Hand; Kirby

Fourth Row (l. to r.): King; Schilperoort; Adkins; Herndon; Tsukamoto; Smith; Marsh; Jolliff; Fleetwood; Longley; Kohart; Petsch; McDowell; Bunch; Barrington; Ruhl; Snell; Martin; Emanuel; McIntosh; Keel; Layton

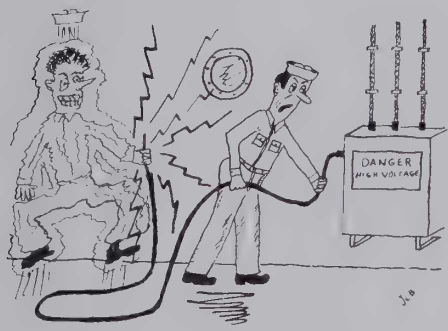
I. C. Room—" Hello, baby"

...hope they don't sound GQ!



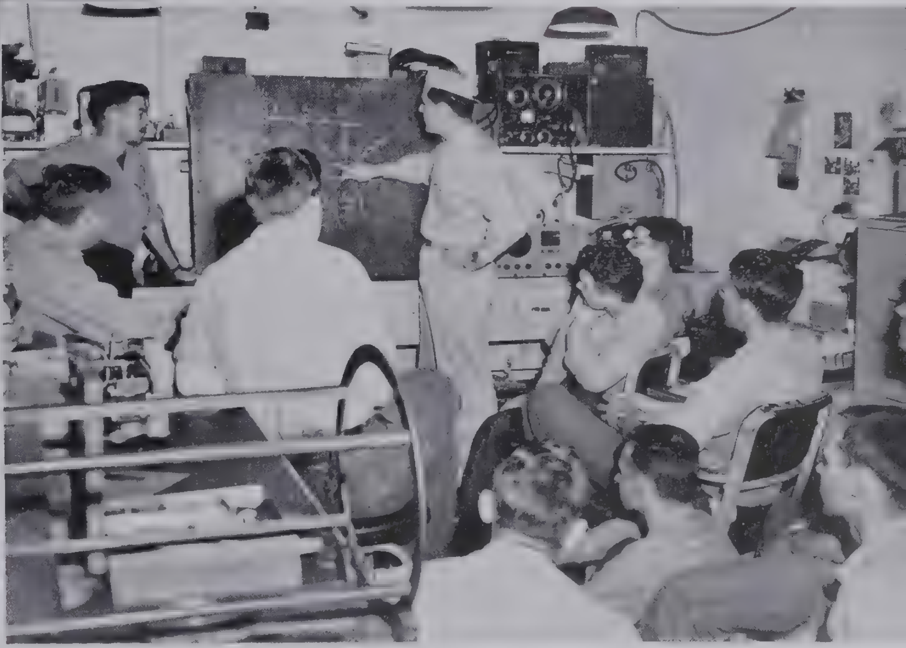
Central station sound—power switchboard

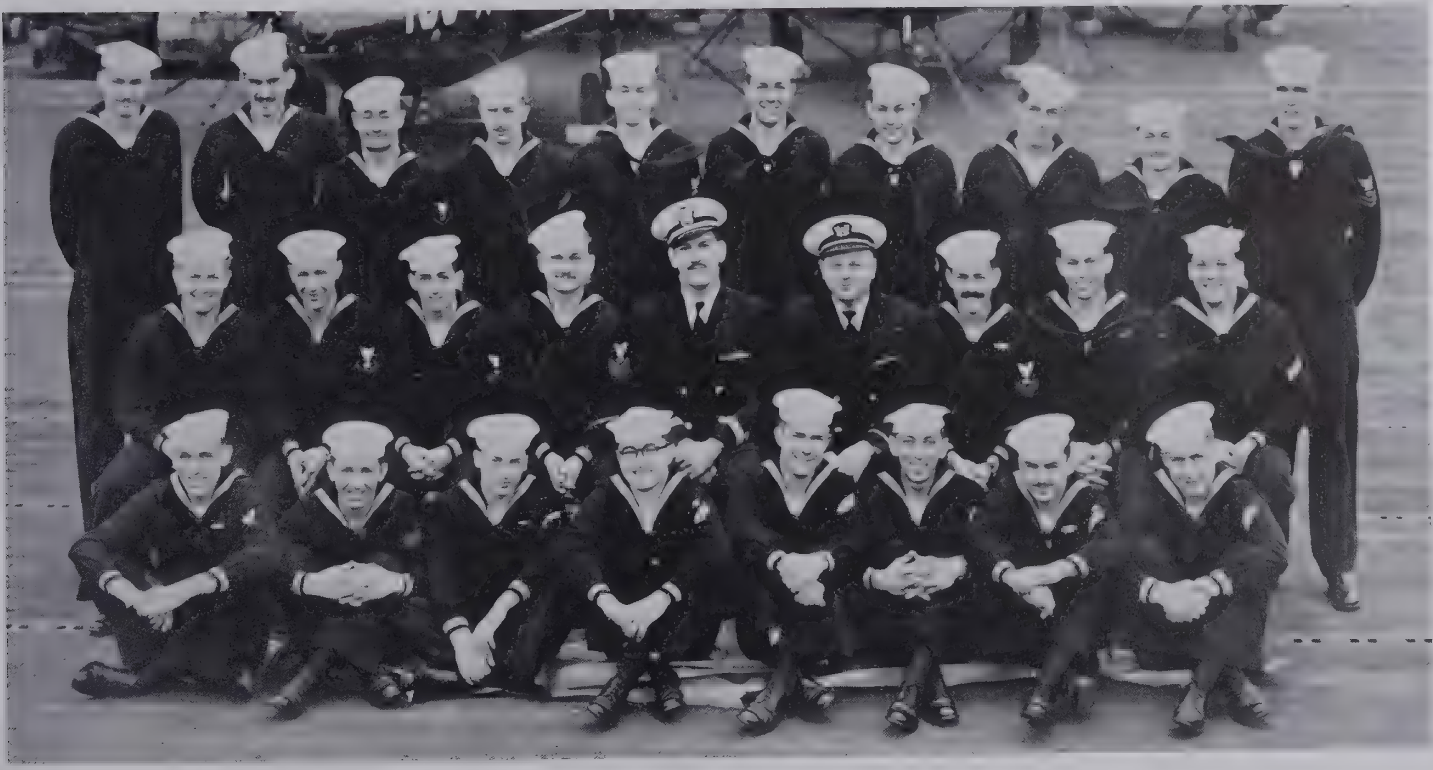
Maybe we ought to call an "E.T."



Quit mumbling, Joe!

Correct the forrestat to the cataclimas and cut in the wobble shaft—any questions?



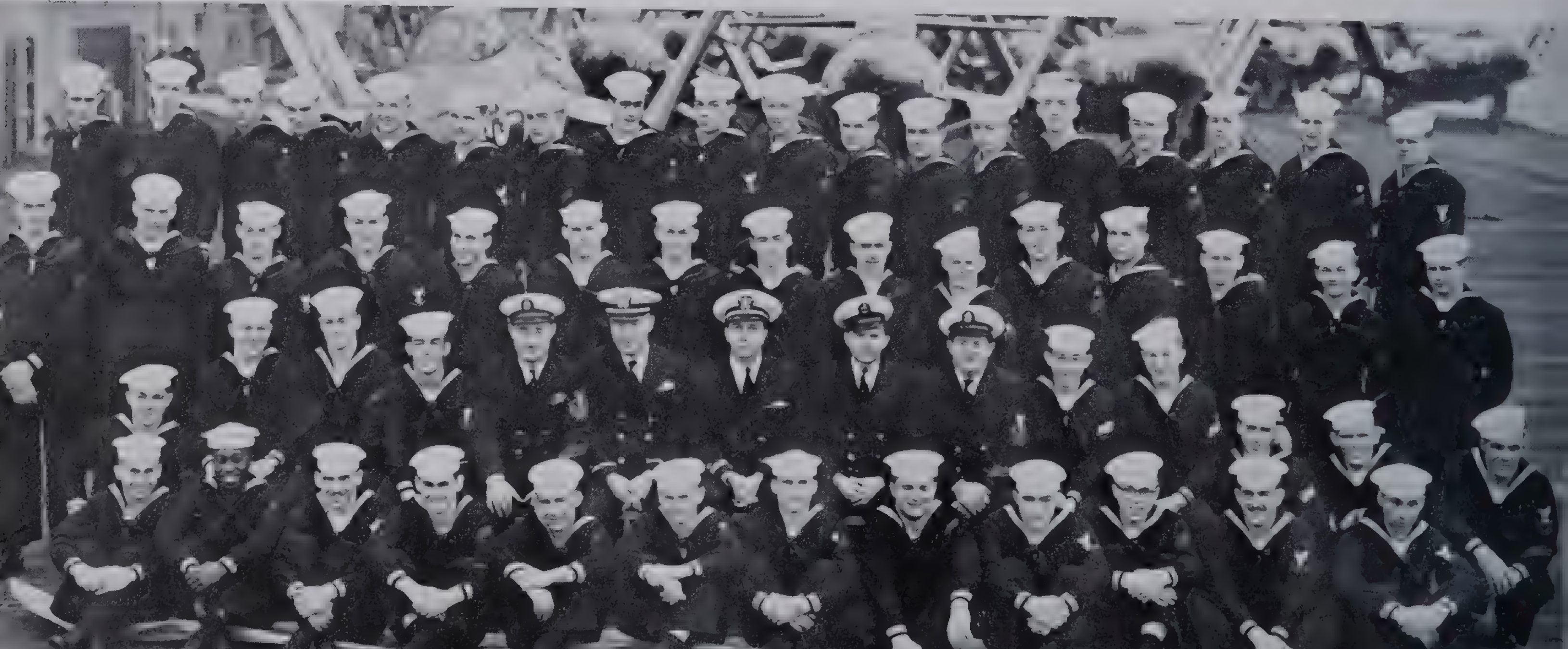


E-R DIVISION

First Row (l. to r.): Thomas; Lyons; Hollis; Jansen; Johnson; Cook; Halphen; Jones
Second Row (l. to r.): Thomas; Gunderson; Ondrish; Furry; LT Swago; RELE Curtis; Hogan; Thompson; Neckerman
Third Row (l. to r.): Schaper; Picaso; Anderson; Bode; Pickett; Staats; Herring; De Roco; Holmberg; Bolts

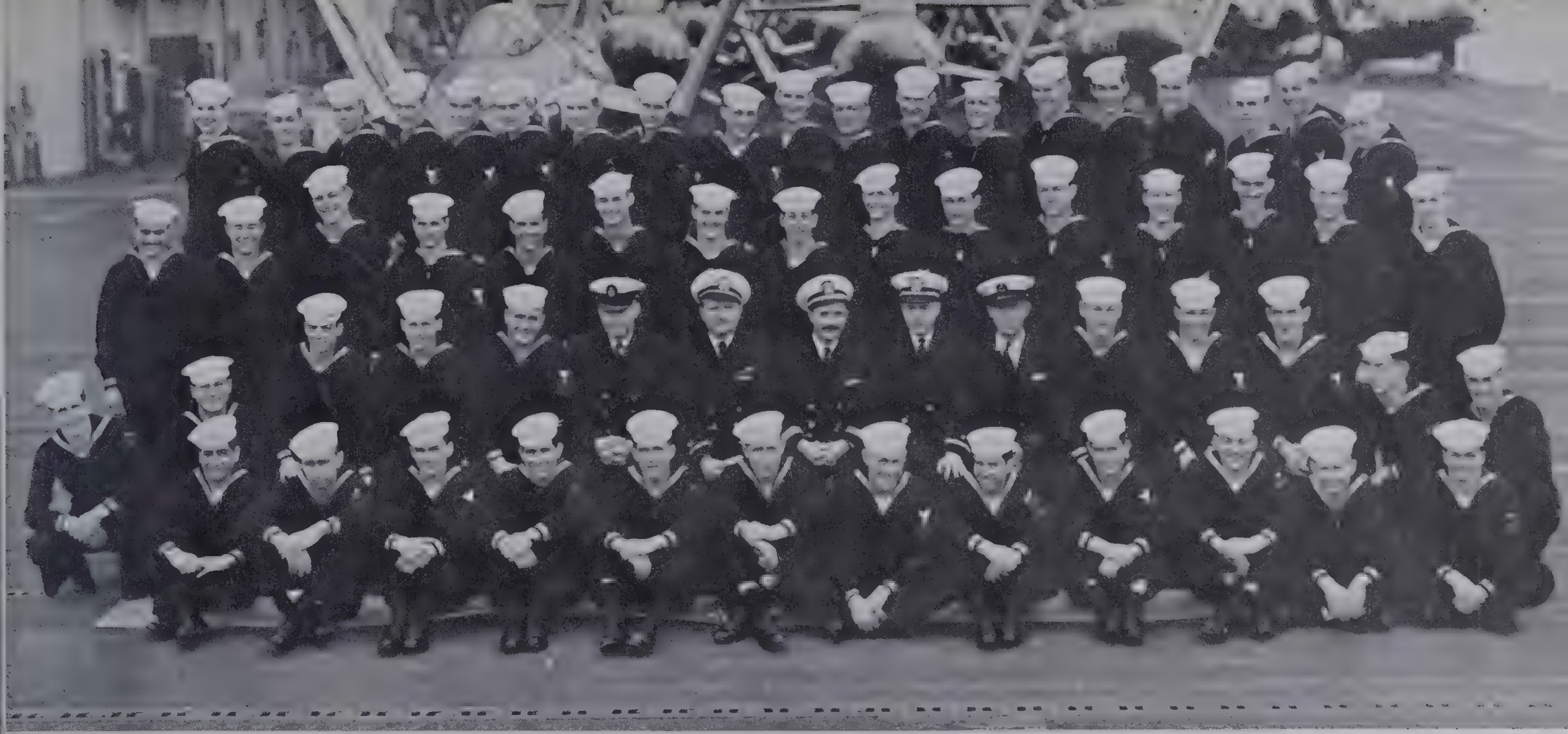
The music goes 'round and 'round and comes out here?

This is better than the last batch we made



M DIVISION

Front (l. to r.): Newbury; Green; Kline; Richardson; Horton; Keefe; Bruns; Springer; Lorello; Jenkins; Erb; Carlson
Second Row (l. to r.): Dauble; Suer; Pedigo; Williams; Patterson, MMC; CHMACH Jennings; LTJG Davis; Cope, MMC; Everts; MMC; Bashor; Moore; Frisbie; Davis; Nagel
Third Row (l. to r.): Pearson; Rogers; Johnson; Blades; Ratliff; Parrish; Pearson; Ferguson; Fischer; Schrim; Headley; Burch; Nuckols; Carter; Furlong
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Shafter; Stanyer; Manchester; Pashak; Whitten; Wagner; Salazar; Woll; Rausch; Chamberlain; Orso; Stringfield; Finch; Wright; Ellis; Johnson; Meyers; Robbins



R DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Alvarez; Saint; Oliver; Wagner; Cox; Stephens; Reitz; Cole; Meyers; Donlin; Savage; Stephens
Second Row (l. to r.): Thomas; Obert; Johnson; Height; Trader; Barker; Hensley; Finn; Harrington; Thompson; Evans, MEC; Teter, DCWC; CHCARP Sydor; ENS Cassafer; LT Garvey
Third Row (l. to r.): Nicol; Melton; Reynolds; Hatton; O'Kelly; McCullough; Tomasello; Hiltzman; Caffman; Garrison; Park; Lawver; Stickelmeyer; Labbe; Burke
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Mangles; Rogers; Pearson; White; Carlson; Allred; Morgan; Van Bethuynsen; Clapp; Tolbert; Tyler; Messer; Howe; Wilson; Selinger; Boring; Sweeney; Berkheimer; Barnett
Personnel not in picture: Earnest; Noyes; Glascow, MEC; Costello, FPC; Heckendorn; Ulrich

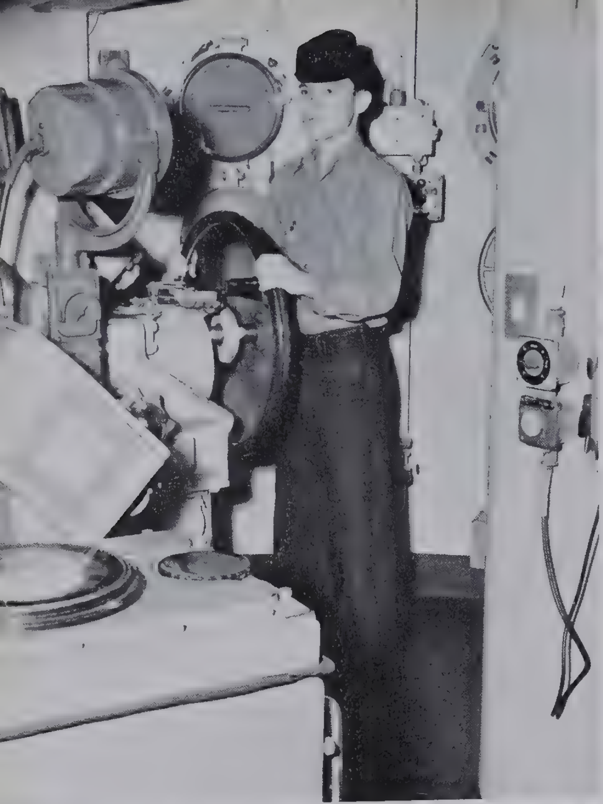
Navigation Dept.

CDR R. L. Hastreiter, USN

The smallest department on board was the Navigation Department headed by Commander R.L. Hastreiter, USN, who, as our navigator, charted the paths that the " Valley " followed on the seas. Assisted by Ensign L. F. Eggert, USN, he planned our routes from one port of call to another.

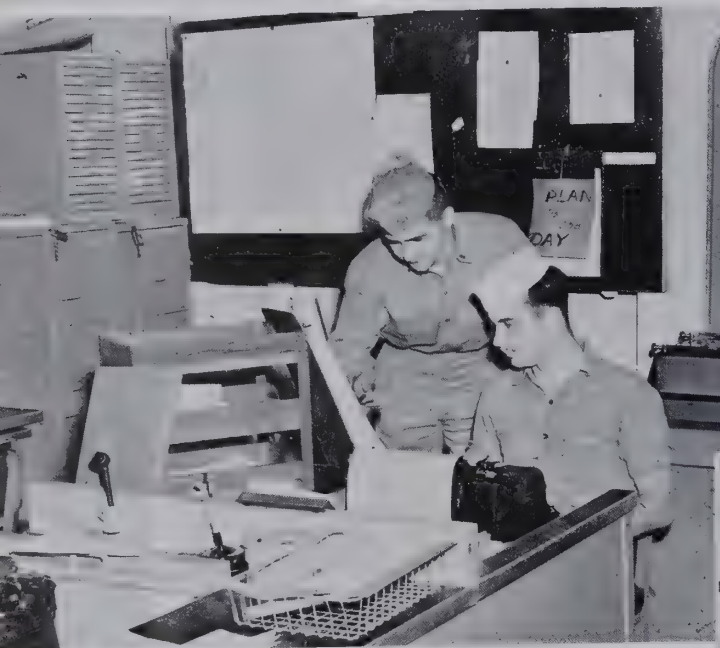
Assisting the navigator were a well-knit group of quartermasters, one of the oldest rates in the Navy. A quartermaster is one of the busiest men on board a ship. Standing his watches on the bridge he steers our 27,700 ton " home " through possibly mined enemy waters, and through narrow channels into congested harbors guided by buoys and beacons whose hidden meanings he interprets. While on watch he was the officer of the deck's right hand man, writing the " Quartermaster's Notebook ", making morning calls, relaying engine orders to the engineers' control stations, observing weather phenomena and a multitude of other things. In all these undertakings, he was supervised by the Chief Quartermaster who kept the navigational charts and publications corrected and up to date. He was the official bell ringer, compass checker, and clock winder. Next time you see a man with the familiar quartermaster wheel on his sleeve—look kindly. He's the man who steers our Navy's ships !

Included in the Navigation Department was the ship's band under the direction of the Chief Musician. The band played for divine services, morning colors, hangar deck movies, smokers and happy hours. The strains of their music could be heard on the hangar deck during replenishment days, in the various messes during evening meals, and whenever entering or leaving port. They were always prepared to render honors or play the National Anthem of any country on earth.



Secondary Conning Station

What's this thing?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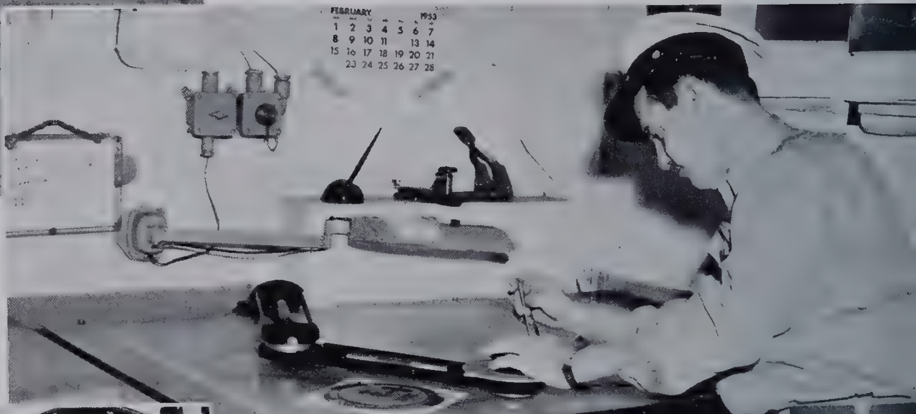
WITH CARE
PLAN
DAY

"This rough log gets rougher every day"

The Ancient Mariner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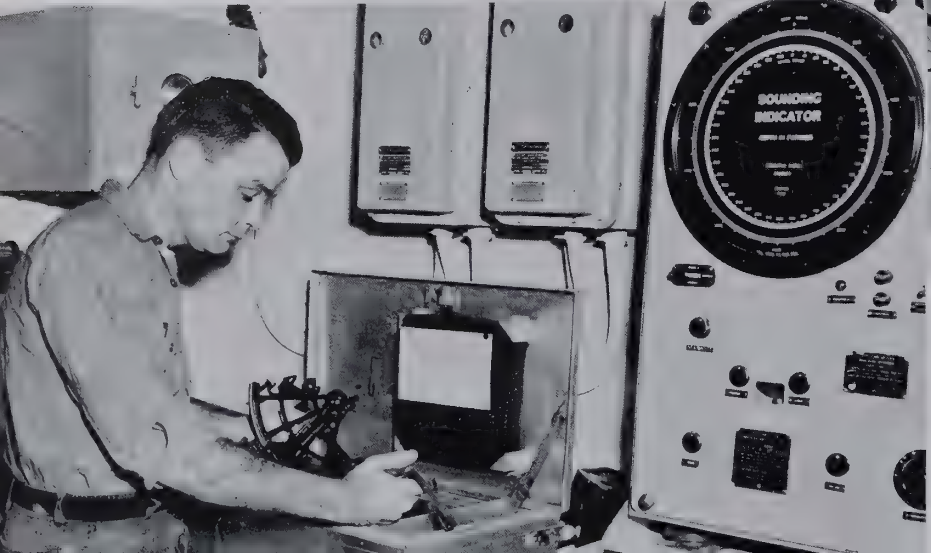
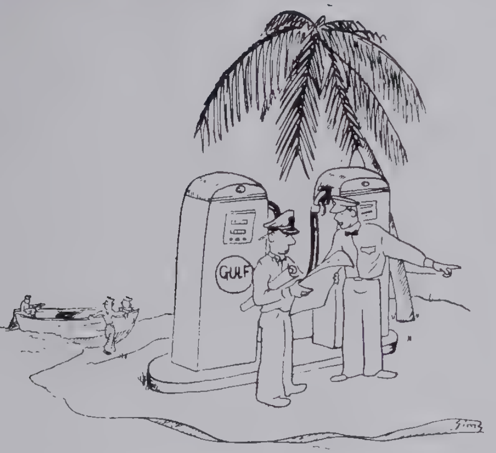

SOUNDING
INDICATOR

Lemme see—0936 in Greenwich, England,
Item time minus 9, add east, carry 4—
anybody got the time?

BOILERS
8
COMPOSI

Right Standard Rudder—
All engines ahead flank—
Close-up Fox!

Now's my chance—
Steer Due East—
Full Speed Ahead!

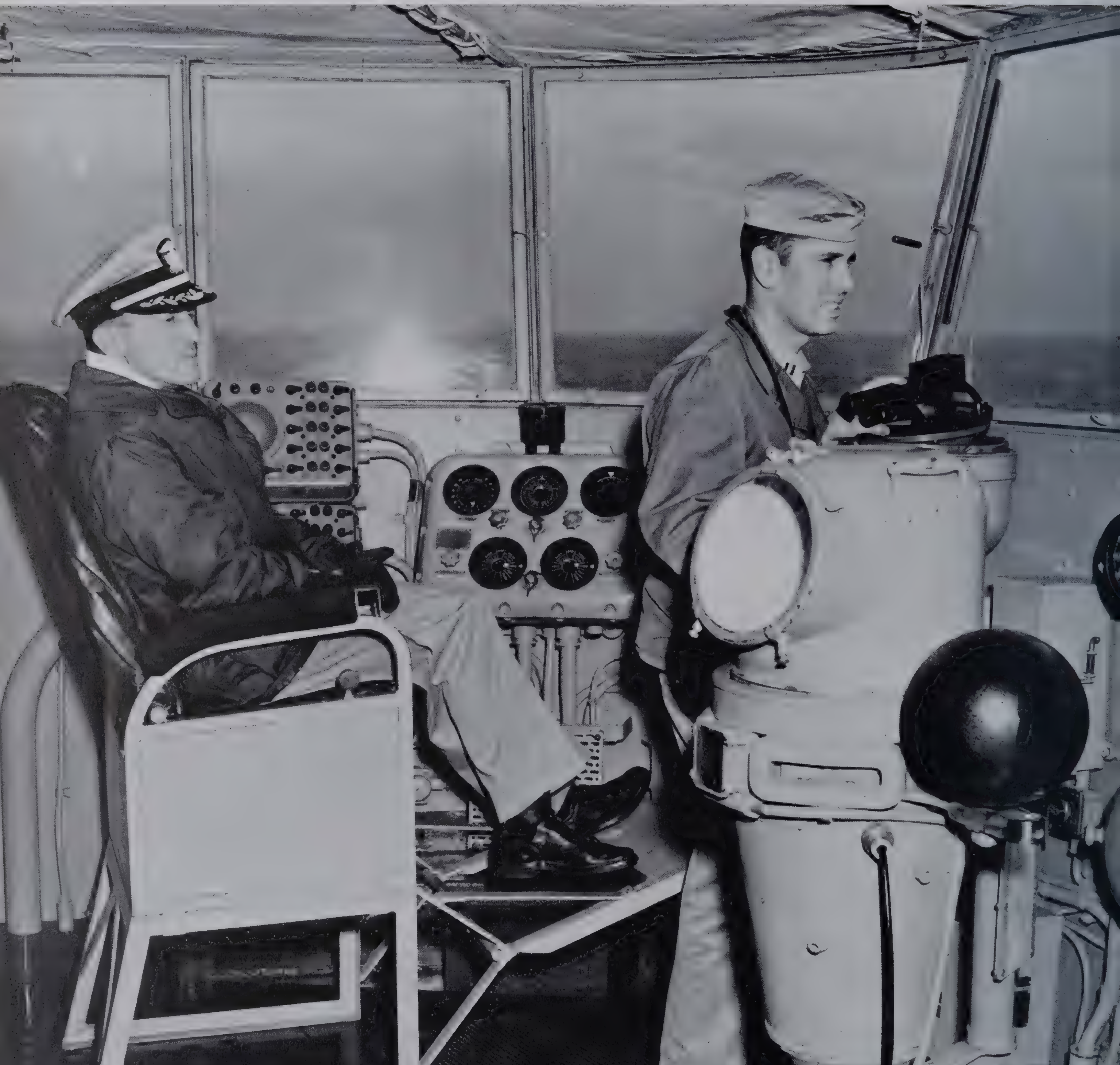


N DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Kramer; Martini; Randoll; Teague; Smith; Kramer, Bir; Gaeddert
Second Row (r. to l.): Imbelloni; Zahm; McRae; ENS Eggert; Richter; Blankenship; Paul; Pierson
Third Row (l. to l.): McDonald; Snaza; Beaven; Hansen; Wheeler; Quinn; Sarcinelli; Young; Brightwell

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. DIXON, USN

OFFICER OF THE DECK—LT F.D. MARSHALL, USN



Supply Dept.

CDR J. D. Carson, SC, USN

Whether we needed shoestrings or belly tanks, gedunks or catapults, the Supply Department always came through. Maybe the cigarettes were a little dry, the raisins and brussell sprouts all too frequent, but you must admit that most of the time we had the best of whatever we happened to need or want—remember the strawberry shortcake, the china and pearl bargains, the days the Eagle screamed, and the warm clothes?

The never-ending task of supplying this floating city, population 3,000, with every necessity was accomplished by 349 men with CDR J.D. Carson, USN, heading the department.

To give you some idea of just how big this job was, take for example the commissary section that operated the mess decks—each day during the cruise, the men down there whipped up enough chow to provide a family of four with 3 squares a day for 25 months. And don't forget too quickly that "0345 reveille for duty cooks" everyday, even in port.

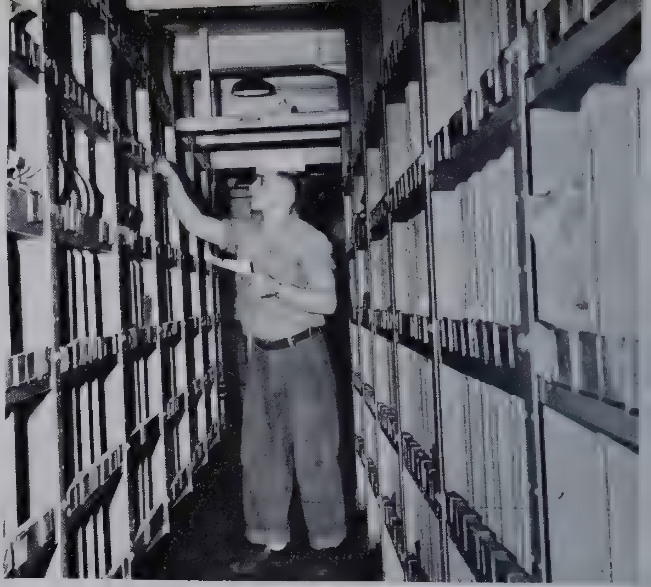
Then take the ship's service—we used enough cigarettes per day to last a pack-a-day smoker more than 7 years. The cigarette supply alone was a big problem, to say nothing of the stuff we really consumed such as razor blades, tooth paste, etc.

The disbursing office had its hands full with an average monthly pay roll of some $300,000, and switching greenbacks to MPC to yen and back.

Aviation stores kept track of no less than 15,000 items. General stores provided everything from snow plows to desk lamps.

Sometimes referred to as the "9 to 1500 with 2 hours off for lunch boys", they nevertheless did a splendid job.

Supply Office

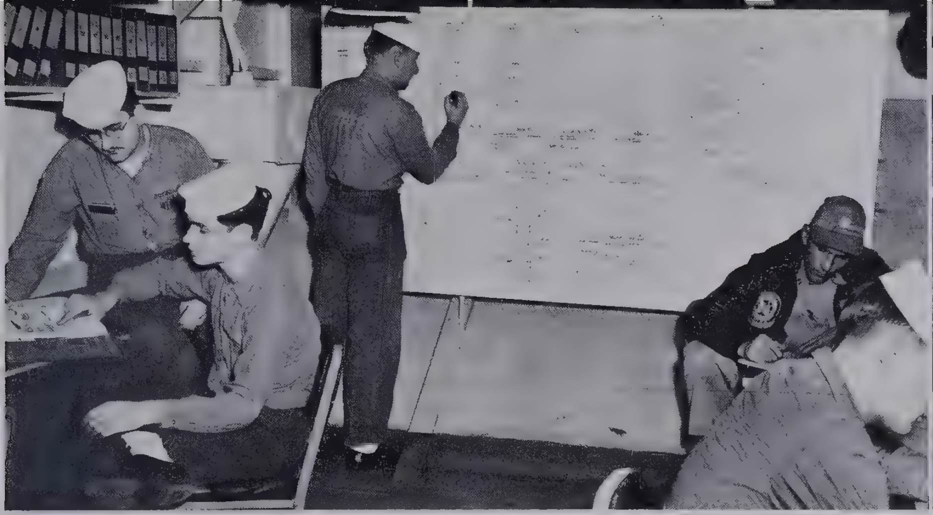


Main GSK Storeroom

But I got one here last week!

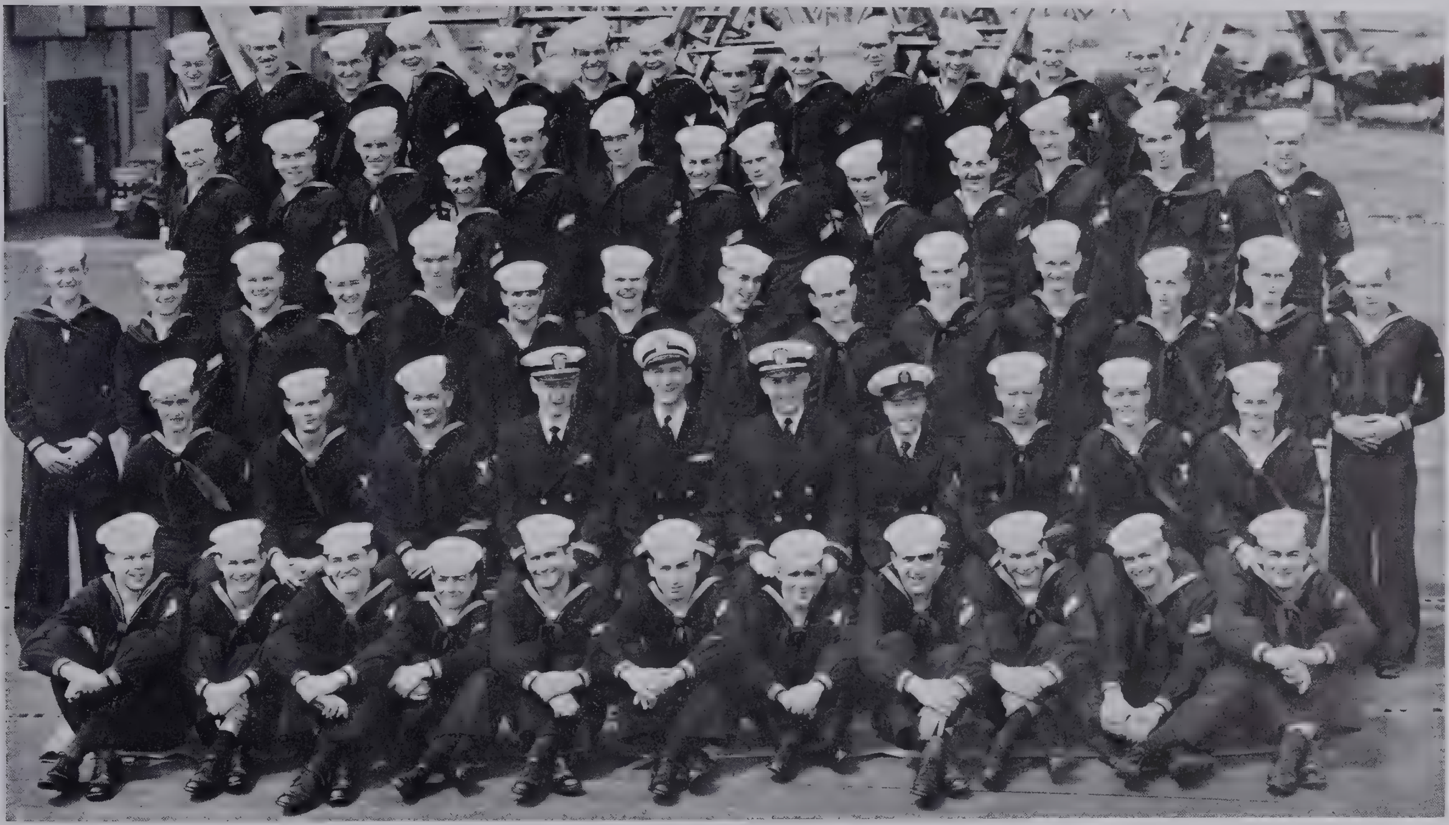
Bureau of Supplies & Accounts

What a filing system!



Aviation Supply Office

Aviation Stores

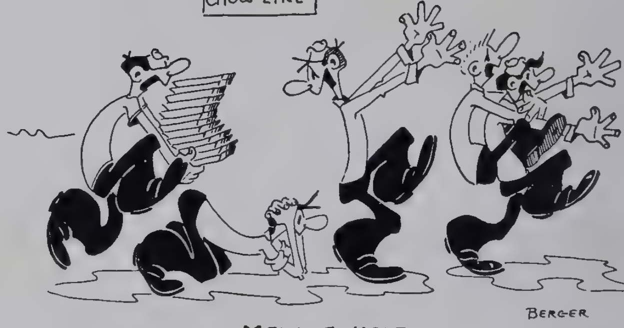


S-1 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Lange; Wingate; Barrett; Dickson; Ingraham; Farnsworth; Ruton; Tyre; Kallin; Whitlock; Grey
Second Row (l. to r.): Fulmer; Tegeler; Adams; LTJG Alexander; LT Brown; ENS Thompson; Skibbe; Flynn; Wingate; Shook
Third Row (l. to r.): Richison; Vanasdale; Bunnell; Powers; Young; Greeson; White; Glaves; Busby; Epstein; Thomas; Stauner; Brooks; Baillie
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Peck; Catoe; Christensen; Kenniston; White; Fair; Mooneyham; James; Kearney; Morgan; Roubinek; Hugel; Clancy
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Bruns; Love; Dotson; Mendrala; Bissonnette; Winters; Joyal; Teeple; Fay; Geisick; Andrews; Stokes; Butler

Inventory

Coffee Time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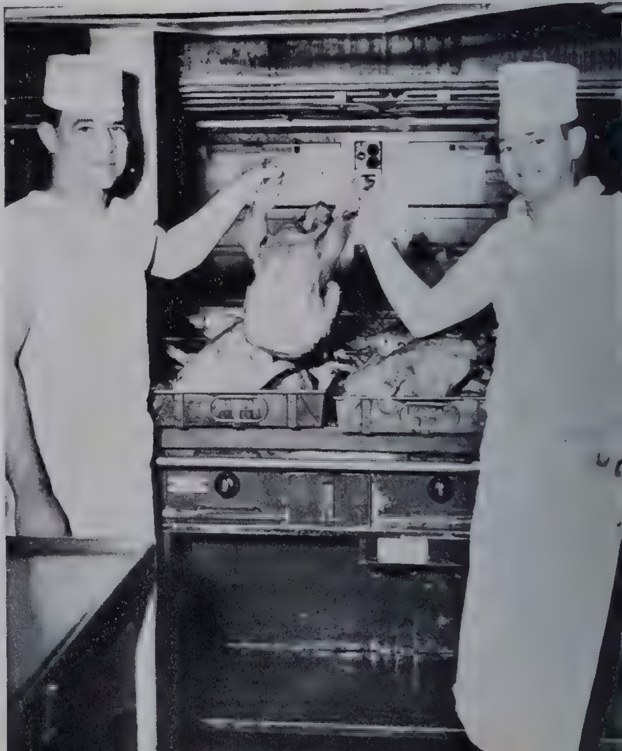
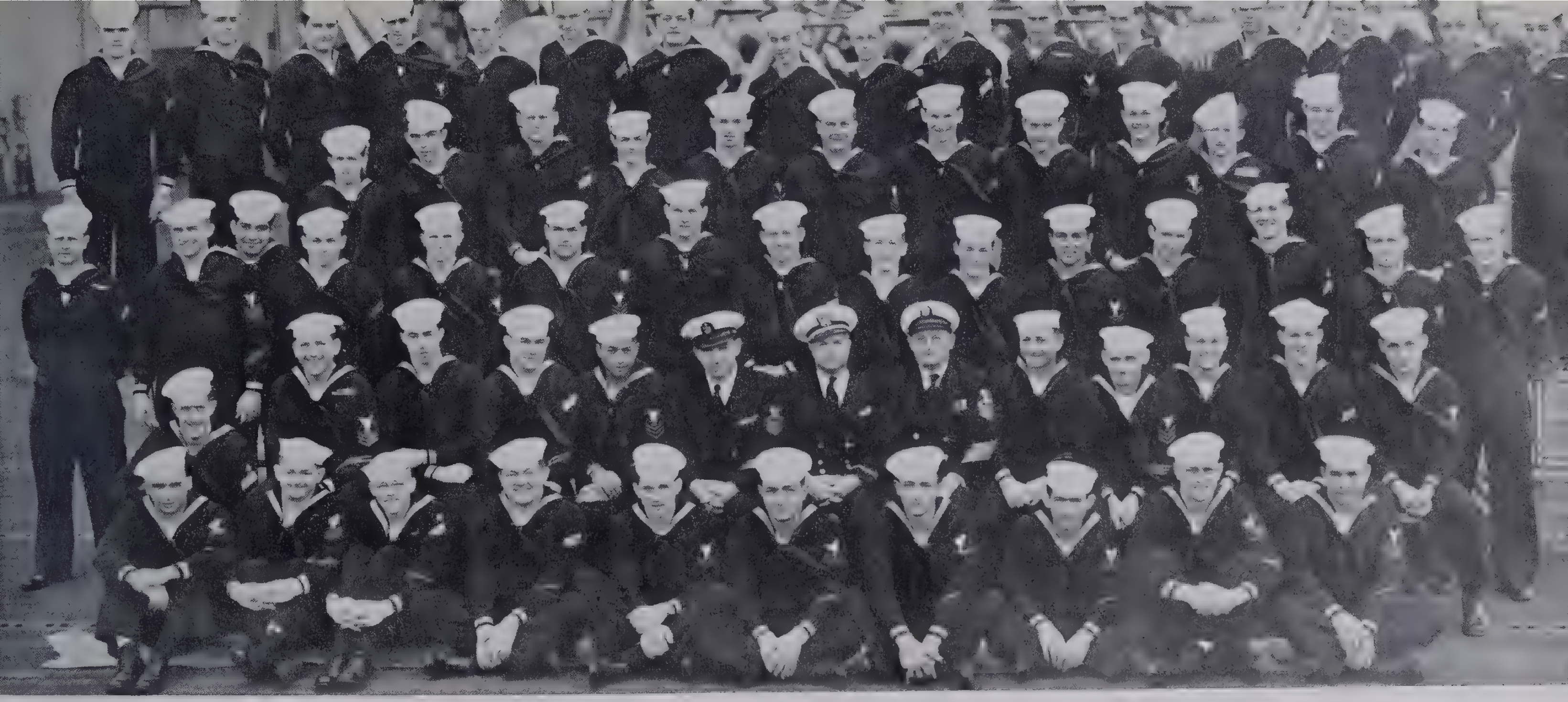


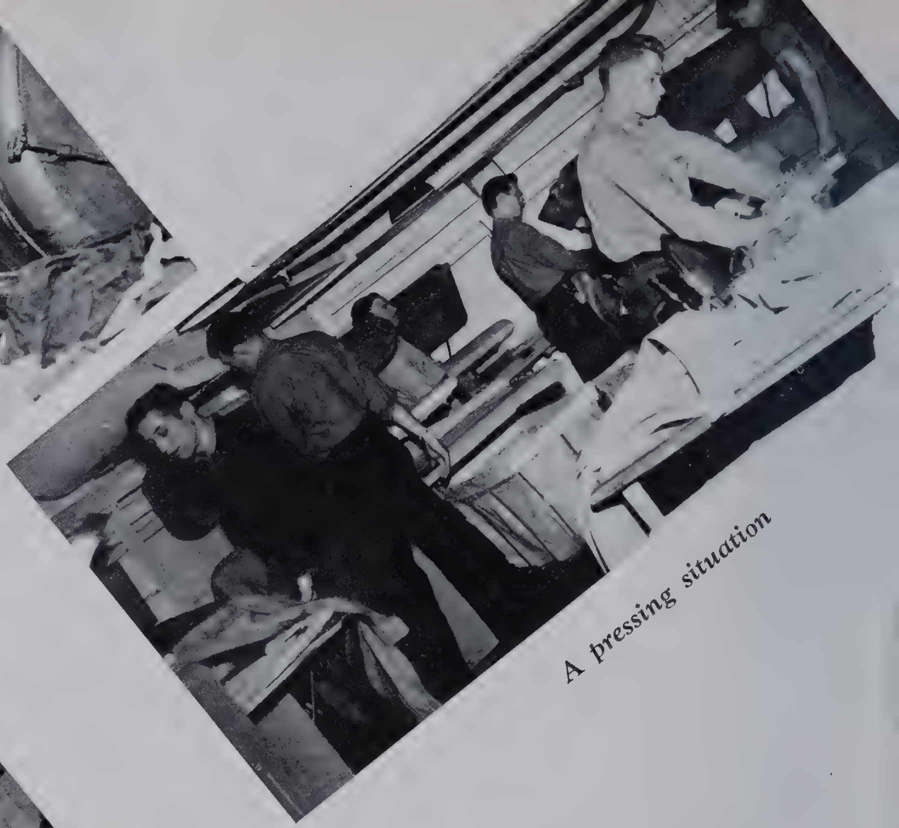


S-2 DIVISION

First Row (l. to r.): Phillips; McGraw; Peres; Porter; Wilson; Smallwood; Young; Parkhill; Messecar; Ivey
Second Row (l. to r.): Tapp; Hoag; Jones; Nicpan; Peters; Davis, CSC; CHPCLK Young; Griffitt, CSC; Boyd; Jones; Postuma; Froehlich; Schaub
Third Row (l. to r.): Duncan; Stalvey; Montez; Teater; Littlejohn; Franciscus; Hung; Hayden; Klimes; Condee; Garcia; Hodges; Jaso; Wiles; Wilson
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Connor; Mills; Weldon; McQueeney; Bailey; Hatfield; Swederska; Bridges; Arnoldsen; Gillogly; Hobson; Faught
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Carpenter; Wingate, Barfield; Kelly; Wilson; Etheridge; Kozlowski; Vick; Stooksbury; Haley; Griggs; Kouse; Upton; Martin; Miller; Pratt
Not in picture: Bloem; Castleman

NAVY CHICKEN
BERGER

Blue Monday—Dungaree Blue!



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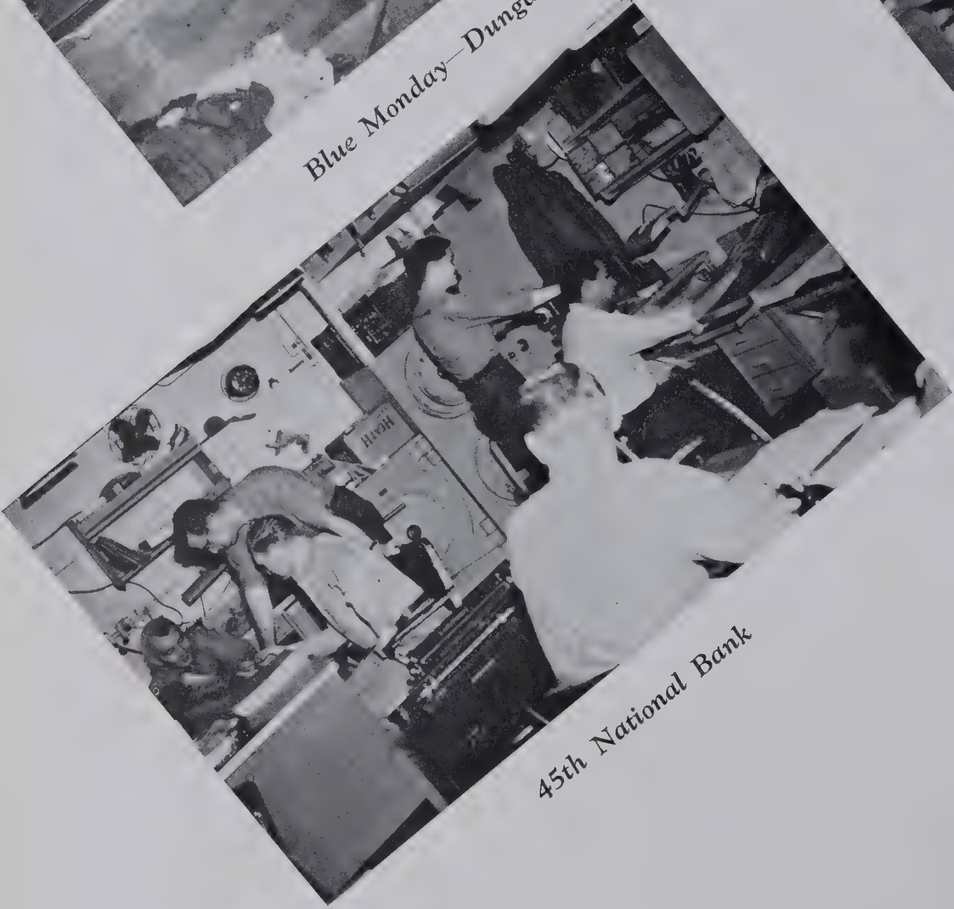
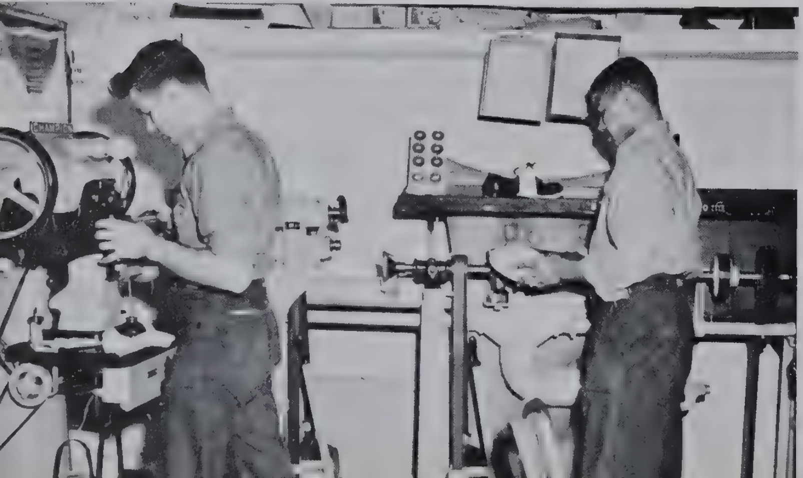


45th National Bank

Fresh Cigarettes?

Soles and Heels—While U Wait

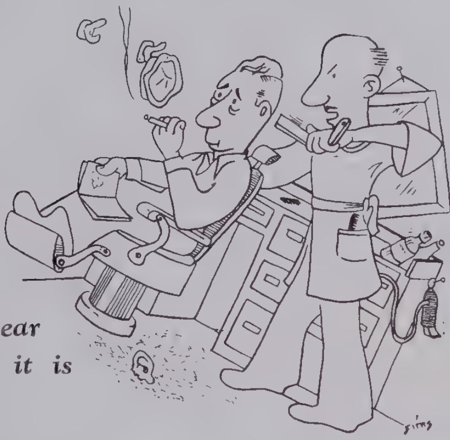


Sorry—we ain't got that size!

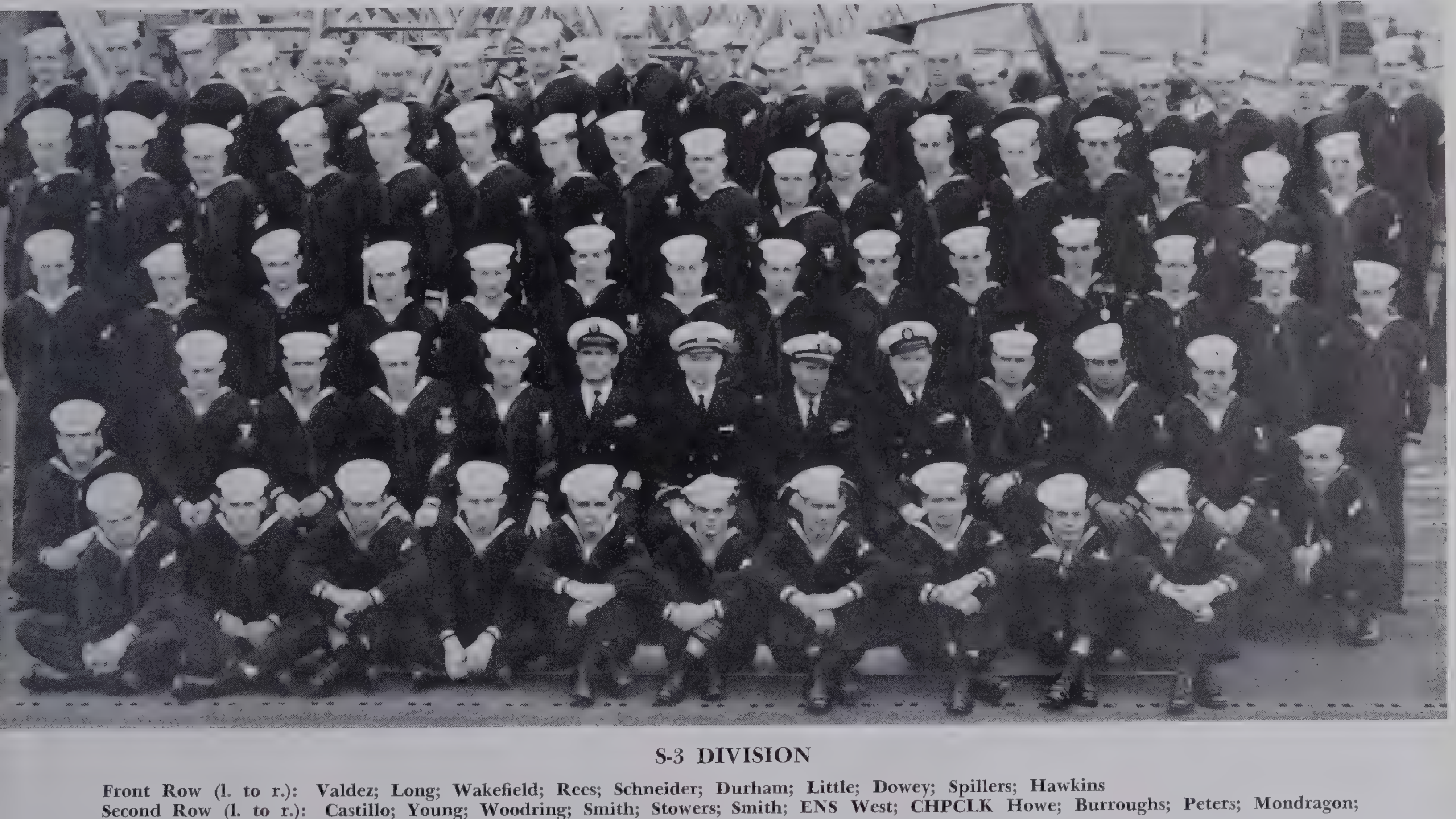
Tailor Made Sailor

"I'll just have a shave and shampoo"

Rough—why I've seen it so rough that I cut a guy's ear off once—oh, oh—guess it is pretty rough today!



Payday!!!



S-3 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Valdez; Long; Wakefield; Rees; Schneider; Durham; Little; Dowey; Spillers; Hawkins
Second Row (l. to r.): Castillo; Young; Woodring; Smith; Stowers; Smith; ENS West; CHPCLK Howe; Burroughs; Peters; Mondragon; McBride; Otto
Third Row (l. to r.):Harvey; Damron; Long; Madden; Bradsher; Hendrick; Wells; Trujillo; Crawford; Waters; Brozena; Gaunt; Fenton; Norman
Fourth Row (l to r.): Lawrence; Smith, Mach; James; Narron; Crockett; Dial; Thomsen; Short; Winkle; Polombo; McCarthy; Stalnaker; Fecher; Seeley; Starkey; Blevins
Fifth Row (l. to r.): Chester; Gulczynski; Williams; Barker; Perry; Davidson; Schrenk; Patellis; Myers; Thacker; Stapleton; Minyard;

Valley Forge General Store—Clerk Howe, Prop.

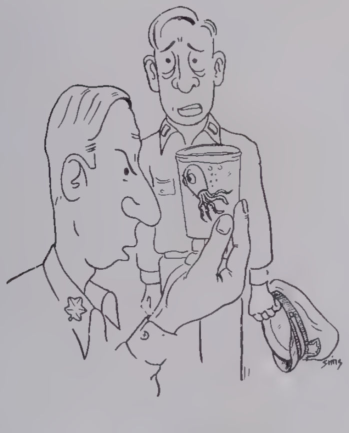
Two bottles of Bonded!

Whatcha' got under the counter today?

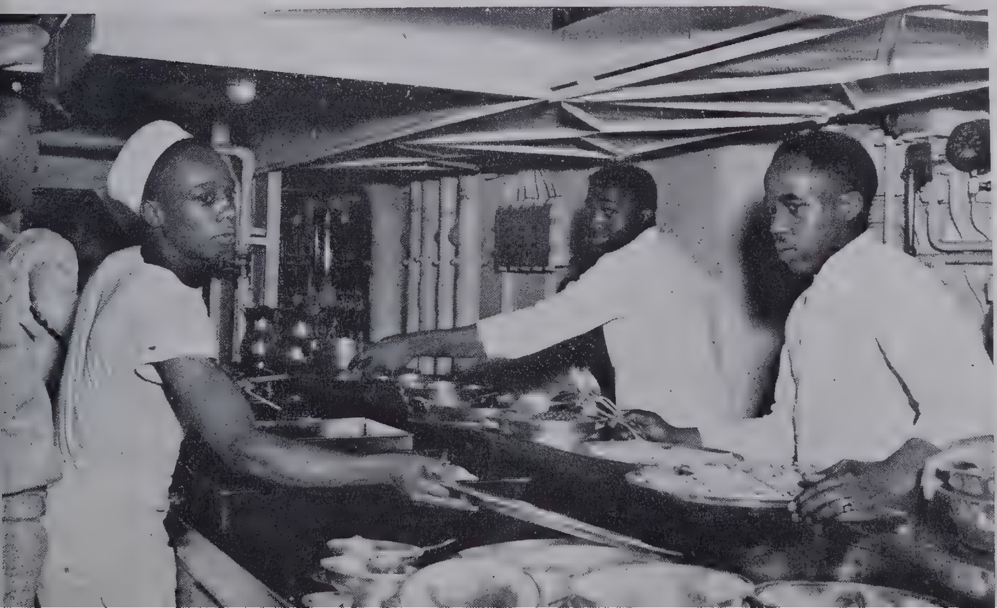
Oriental Merchandise Sale

S-4 DIVISION

Front Row (l. to r.): Jenkins; Wideman; Capers; Love; Dillworth; Pierre; Smith; Smith; Trammell
Second Row (l. to r.): Mabry; Shipp; Clements; Rosario; Smith, SDC; ENS Mason; Marney; Lujan; Grayson; Robertson
Third Row (l. to r.): Hunter; Gaines; Anderson; Carr; Coston; Cofield; Arnic; Irby; Brown
Fourth Row (l. to r.): Ervin; Horne; Dixon; Hauser; Mack; Cooper; Tate; Ward; Haynes; Handcox; Ragadio



Yes, Sir, now that you mention it, I'm sure the evaporators could stand some working on.



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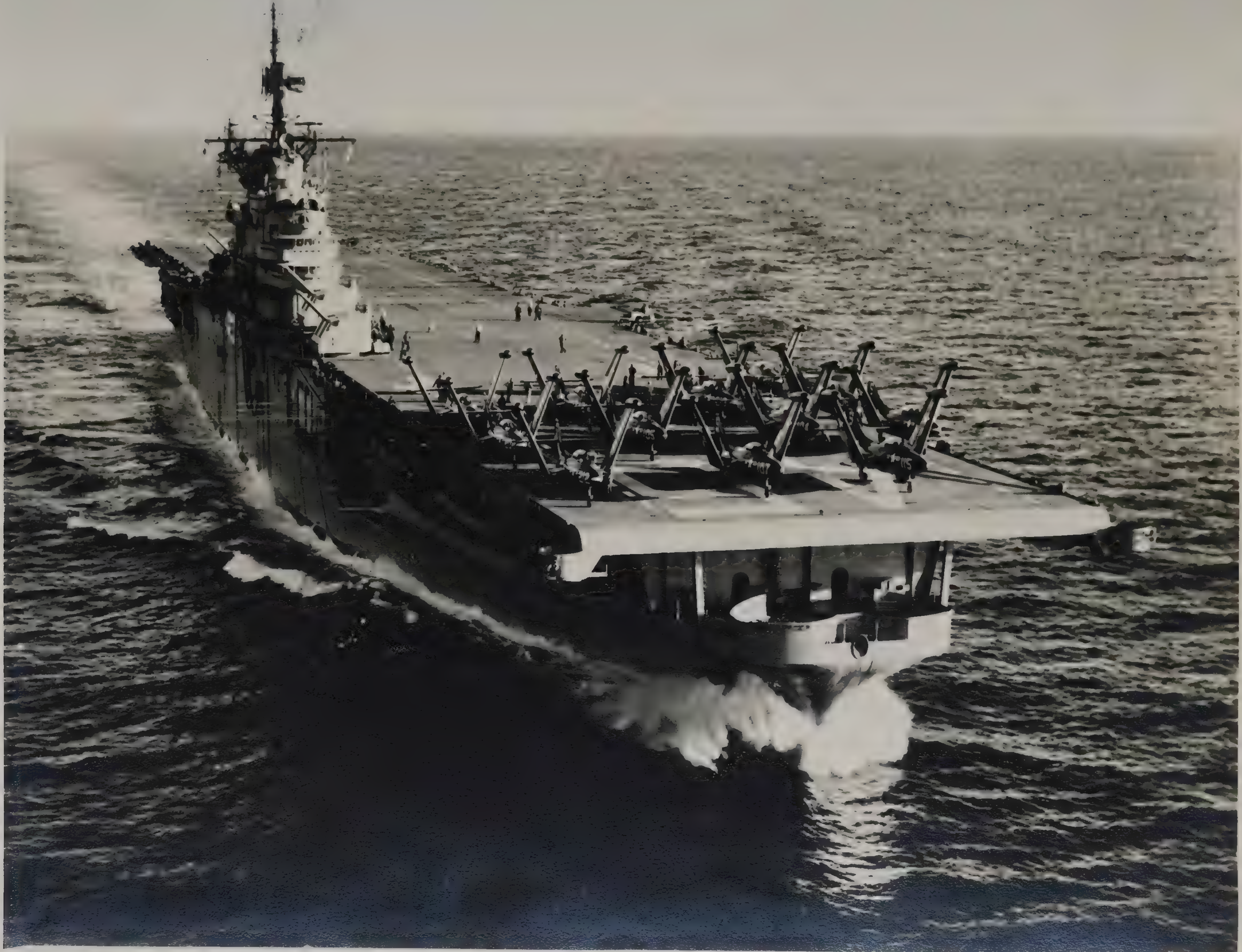

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